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Until 1899. — Revs. A. W. Archibald, S. G. Barnes, John D. Kingsbury, and Geo. R. Hewett; Preston B. Keith, Brockton, and W. G. Harding, Pittsfield.

Members ex officio. — Revs. Albert G. Bale and Henry A. Hazen, and the members of the Sunday-School Committee.

NOTICES FOR 1897.

Meeting of 1897. — Worcester, Tuesday, May 18.

Expenses. — The treasurers of the conferences are requested to ask the churches to contribute, at the autumnal meetings, a sum equivalent to three and one half cents for each member, based upon the total membership of Jan. 1, 1896, and to forward the amount to William A. Paine, 52 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass. These amounts are needed promptly, and it is specially requested that all dues be paid before Jan. 1, 1897. The number of members in each church will be found in the statistics of the churches in this pamphlet, pages 25–54.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

(Elected for Three Years Each.)

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, *secretary.*
From 1888. Re-elected 1894.

Rev. Albert G. Bale, Melrose, *registrar.*
From 1881. Re-elected 1894.

Rev. Francis J. Marsh, *assistant registrar.*
From 1889. Re-elected 1894.

William A. Paine, Boston, *treasurer.*
Chosen 1891. Re-elected 1894.

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RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. — This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT. — Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches ; promote spirituality, and to co-operate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS. — This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS. — Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS. — Each evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association its pastor and one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS. — 1. A secretary, a registrar, an assistant registrar, and a treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made ; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible. In case any of these offices become vacant between the annual meetings of the Association, the vacancy may be filled until the next following meeting by vote of the remaining officers.

2. A moderator shall be chosen by ballot from the members at each annual session who shall serve until his successor is chosen at the opening of the next annual session.

3. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of ministers and churches, and have charge

of the printing thereof ; distribute the publications of the Association and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association. He shall give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each session.

5. The treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Association. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. Annual Meeting. — The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of May, at two P. M. (or at some other more convenient hour), at such place as shall have been duly designated.

VIII. Home Missionary Society. — The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that society.

The two persons thus nominated shall be from the membership of the Association at the time, and shall not be eligible for nomination for more than two years in succession, and shall, if required, make report concerning the work of the society at the next meeting of the Association.

IX. Correspondence. — Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

X. Organization. — The moderator, or in his absence, the pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a moderator and the session shall be opened with prayer.

XI. Committees. — The following committees shall be chosen: —

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, which shall be appointed by the moderator immediately after the opening of the session, to which all certificates of membership shall be referred.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following and any other committees referred to them, except as hereinafter provided.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements for the session consisting of five, of whom two shall be from members of the Provisional Committee, to prepare the business of the session, and no business shall be introduced

but through the hands or with the approval of the committee ; but if said committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Provisional Committee of five, of whom the secretary or registrar shall be one, to prepare the schedule for the next annual meeting, to select a preacher for the Associational sermon, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(5.) A Committee of Publication to consist of the secretary, registrar, treasurer, and two other persons to be appointed at the session, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association.

(6.) A Committee on the Work of the Churches, which shall make report to this body at the next annual session upon the work of the churches and state of religion. This Committee shall consist of the chairmen of the corresponding committees of local Conferences, the secretary, the registrar, and twenty-one members at large, — to be so classified that seven shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

(7.) A Committee to Audit the Accounts for the next annual meeting, which shall report the state of the treasury and the sum, in its opinion, necessary to be asked from the churches for the next ensuing year.

XII. Exercises. — The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of home evangelization, addresses, and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIII. Special Orders. — 1. At the opening of the session, on the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday, the moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned ; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read ; and the sessions of each day shall be closed with prayer or hymn.

2. The Associational sermon and Lord's Supper shall be assigned to Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of toe Association, or a part thereof, shall be given to the Mass. Home Missionary Society.

XIV. Place of Meeting. — Previous to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify the place of meeting for the next year ; and the church of the place of meeting selected is requested to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the course of the service. The Lord's Supper shall be administered generally without remarks.

XV. Rules of Order. — The rules of order shall be those found in common parliamentary practice, subject, however, to the following specifications : —

1. The report of the Committee on the Work of the Churches may occupy thirty minutes in reading, but the reports of special committees shall be limited to ten minutes each.

2. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.

3. When a question is under debate, the moderator shall entertain motions only as follows, viz.: to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

XVI. Amendments. — 1. Any of the above rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of the action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposals in writing at the annual meeting next prior to that of action, and after notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences and Churches, and by a two-thirds vote.

MINUTES.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts met for its ninety-fourth annual session with the Central church, Fall River, Tuesday, May 19, 1896.

Organization. — At 2.45 p. m., the Association was called to order by Rev. Henry A. Hazen, secretary. The ballot for moderator, resulted in the choice of Rev. Smith Baker, of East Boston.

Prayer was offered by the moderator. The following were appointed tellers for the sessions of the Association: —

Dana M. Dustan, of Marion; Rev. Geo. H. Flint, of Boston; Rev. Eldridge Mix, of Worcester; Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, of Cambridgeport. Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Neponset, was elected assistant secretary.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Agawam, Feeding Hills,	Rev. Frank L. Garfield.
Amesbury,	Rev. George L. Richmond.
Amherst College,	William I. Fletcher.
" North,	Rev. Eber W. Gaylord, Edmund Hobart.
Ashburnham, 1st,	Rev. Frederic P. Johnson.
Attleboro',	Rev. Elwin L. House.
Barnstable, West,	Rev. Samuel W. Clarke.
Bedford,	Rev. Elihu Loomis.
Berkley,	Rev. Franklin K. Beem.
Beverly, Washington St.,	Rev. Orpheus T. Lanphear.
Boston, Charlestown,	Rev. Charles H. Pope.
" Old South,	Rev. George H. Flint.
" 2d, Dorchester,	Rev. Arthur Little, Rev. Thomas Clayton.
" Park St.,	Rev. Isaac J. Lansing, Rev. Cyrus L. D. Younkin.
" Phillips, South,	Rev. Charles A. Dinsmore.
" Winthrop, Charlestown,	Rev. Charles R. Brown.
" Eliot, Roxbury,	Dea. Alpine McLean.
" Central,	Rev. Edward L. Clark, George C. Miner.
" Shawmut,	Rev. William E. Barton, James P. Stoddard.
" Jamaica Plain,	Rev. Charles L. Morgan, Charles T. Bauer.
" Immanuel, Rox.,	Rev. Charles H. Beale, Rev. Addison P. Foster.
" Neponset,	Rev. Eugene C. Webster.
" Pilgrim, Dor.,	Rev. William H. Allbright.
" Boylston, Jamaica Plain,	Lincoln F. Crowell.
" Allston,	Lewis O. Brien,
" Central, Dorchester,	Rev. Perley B. Davis.
Boxboro, West Acton,	Rev. Albert B. Peabody.
Bridgewater,	Rev. Elbert S Porter.
" Scotland,	Rev. Elbert S. Porter.
Brockton, 1st,	Bradford H. North, Rev. Robert L. Rae.
" Campello,	Rev. William T. Beale, Warren P. Copeland.
Brookfield,	Dea. J. P. Cheney.
Brookline, Harvard,	Rev. Jeremiah Taylor.

Cambridge, North,	Samuel Usher.
" Wood Memorial,	Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath.
Carlisle,	Rev Lyman Mevis, Mrs. Lyman Mevis.
Carver, North,	Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln.
Chelmsford, North,	Rev. S. Ingersoll Briant, Mrs. Charlotte S. Briant.
Chelsea, 1st,	Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Henry H. Stickney.
" Central,	Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, Leonard A. Treat.
Concord,	Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Thomas Todd.
Dalton,	Rev. George Wakeman Andrews.
Danvers, Maple St.,	Rev. Edward C. Ewing.
Dartmouth, South,	Rev. Albion H. Ross, E. B. Sturtevant.
Douglas,	Rev. Aaron B. Peffers, Fred J. Sindberg.
Dunstable,	Rev. Bartlett H. Weston.
East Bridgewater,	Rev. Frank H. Palmer, Dea. George M. Keith.
Easthampton, 1st,	Rev. Charles H Hamlin.
" Payson,	Dea. Ansel B. Lyman.
Easton,	Rev. Augustus H. Fuller.
Everett, Mystic Side,	Rev. Albert Watson.
Fall River, 1st,	Rev. William W. Adams, Edward B. Varney.
" Central,	Rev. W. Walker Jubb, Charles J. Holmes.
" Fowler,	Rev. Payson W. Lyman.
Falmouth, 1st,	Rev. Charles H. Washburn, O. F. Hitch.
" Woods Holl,	Rev. George S. Dodge.
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	Rev. George R. Hewitt.
Foxboro,	Rev. George F. Wright.
Freetown, Assonet,	Mrs. J. W. Pickens.
Gloucester, Trinity,	Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard, Joseph O. Proctor.
Halifax,	James T. Thomas.
Haverhill Centre,	Albert Emerson.
" Union,	Rev. George Benedict.
Hingham,	Rev. Wm. Eugene Cadmus.
Hyde Park,	Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, Dr. Jos. King Knight.
Ipswich, 1st,	Rev. Edward Constant.
" South,	Rev. T. Frank Waters.
Lee,	Rev. Lyman S. Rowland.
Leverett,	Rev. George E. Fisher.
Lexington,	Rev. Charles F. Carter, Edmund C. Whitney.
Longmeadow,	Rev. Stephen G. Barnes, William B. Medlicott.
Lowell, Highland,	Rev. Charles L. Merriam, James G. Buttrick.
Lynn, 1st,	M. F. Delnow.
" Central,	Rev. Albert W. Moore, Rev. Charles C. Watson.
" North,	Rev. Willis A. Hadley, Mrs. W. A. Hadley.
Mansfield,	Rev. Jacob Ide, William White.
Marblehead,	Rev. S. Linton Bell, Nathan P. Sanborn.
Marion,	Rev. Harry LeRoy Brickett.
Medfield,	Rev. Nathan T. Dyer, George E. Woodbine.
Medford, West,	Rev. Judson V. Clancy, Charles E. Gleason.
" Union,	Rev. Isaac Pierson.
Medway, West,	Rev. John F. Crosby.
Melrose Highlands,	Rev. Burke F. Leavitt. Joseph H. Merrill.
Merrimac,	Rev. George L. Todd, C. I. Churchill.
Methuen,	Rev. Charles H. Oliphant.
Middleboro,	Rev. George W Stearns.
" Central,	Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge.
Middleton,	Rev. Warren P. Landers.
Milford,	Rev. Webster Woodbury, Dea. A. A. Westcott.
Milton,	Rev. Henry S. Huntington, John A. Tucker.
Monson,	Rev. Franklin S. Hatch.
Needham,	Rev. Avery S. Walker, Mrs. A. B. Dresser.
New Bedford, Acushnet,	Rev. George W. C. Hill.
" North,	Rev. John A. MacColl.
" Trinitarian,	Rev. Matthew C. Julien, Rev. William Carruthers.
Newburyport, Whitefield,	Rev. John H. Reid.
Newton Centre,	Rev. Daniel L. Furber.
" 2d, West,	Rev. Henry J. Patrick.
" Eliot,	Rev. William H. Davis, Rev. Ezra H. Byington.
" Auburndale,	Rev. Charles M. Southgate, Rev. Horace Dutton.

Newton, Newtonville,	Rev. John M. Dutton, N. H. Chadwick.
North Attleboro, Trinity,	L. F. Mendell.
North Brookfield, 1st,	Rev. Almon J. Dyer.
Oxford,	Rev. Albert E. Bradstreet, John E. Kimball.
Palmer, 2d,	Rev. Frank E Jenkins.
Pittsfield. 1st,	W. G. Harding.
Plainfield,	Rev. John H. Woodhull.
Plymouth, Manomet,	Rev. Geo. Sterling.
Prescott,	Rev. Charles E. Houghton.
Quincy,	Rev. Edwin N. Hardy.
" Wollaston,	Rev. Edward A. Robinson.
Randolph,	Rev. Charles A. Hilton.
Raynham,	Rev. Sidney K. B. Perkins.
Rockport, 1st,	Rev. Israel Ainsworth.
Salem, Tabernacle,	Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, Dea. Walter K. Bigelow.
" Crombie St.,	Rev. John W. Buckham.
Somerset,	Rev. Thomas F. Norris.
Somerville, Broadway,	Frank E. Hodgkins.
" Prospect Hill,	Rev. Edward S. Tead.
Southboro,	Rev. Martin F. Mevis, Mrs. Martin F. Mevis.
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Springfield, North,	Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace.
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" Faith,	Rev. H. C. Meserve, F. W. Lathrop.
Stoneham,	Rev. George E. Lovejoy.
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" Winslow,	Rev. T. Clayton Welles, Charles H. Burbank.
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Warren, 1st,	Rev. Harris G. Hale, Mrs. Harris G. Hale.
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Westboro,	Rev. Merle A. Breed, Frank W. Forbes.
Westfield, 2d,	Rev. Lyman H. Blake.
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West Springfield,	Rev. Sidney K. Perkins.
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" North,	Rev. Robert W. Haskins.
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" Plymouth,	Rev. Rufus M. Taft.
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" Park,	Rev. Inman L. Willcox.
" Immanuel,	Rev. Geo. S. Dodge, William Shaw.
Wrentham,	Rev. Edward C. Hood.

THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES.

Andover,	Dea. Jacob Emerson of Methuen.
Brookfield,	Rev. Silvanus Hayward.
Middlesex, Union,	Rev. Joseph Torrey.
Old Colony,	Dana M. Dustan of Marion.
Pilgrim,	Rev. Louis Ellms.
Suffolk, West,	Rev. Edward M. Noyes.
" South,	Rev. Frank W. Merrick.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

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Brookfield,	Rev. Augustus M. Rice.

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Franklin,	Rev. Thomas C. Kinne.
Hampden,	Rev. James Tufts.
Mendon,	Rev. James W. Flagg.
Middlesex, South,	Rev. George M. Adams.
Suffolk, North,	Rev. Charles Olmstead.
Taunton,	Rev. Josiah W. Kingsbury.
Worcester, Central,	Rev. Forrest F. Emerson.
" North,	Rev. Milan H. Hitchcock.

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, secretary.
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, assistant secretary.
Rev. Albert G. Bale, registrar.
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, assistant registrar.

Rev. Charles S. Brooks, Sylvester B. Carter, Brighton, delegates Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

The following committees were then appointed: —

On Business: Rev. Wm. Walker Jubb, of Fall River; C. J. Holmes, of Fall River; James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Rev. C. E. Jefferson, of Chelsea; Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Shirley.

On Nominations: Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, of Stoneham; Rev. Lyman S. Rowland, of Lee; Rev. Lyman H Blake, of Westfield; Rev. Wm. H. Woodwell, of Sandwich; Thos. Todd, of Concord.

An address of welcome was given by Rev. Wm. Walker Jubb, pastor of the Central church.

The Fall River Ministerial Association also welcomed the Association by Rev. W. J. Martin, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Response was made by the moderator.

The committee on the revision of Association rules reported through Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson, and the report was placed upon the calendar of Thursday morning.

The report of the secretary, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale, was presented and accepted, and its recommendations adopted.[1]

The report of the treasurer, Mr. Wm. A. Paine, of Boston, was presented, with auditor's certificate, and was accepted.[2]

It was then

Voted, That the recommendations of the auditors be adopted, viz.: That the request of the Hampshire East Conference be granted, and their past dues, amounting to $296.83, be remitted. Also, that the assessment for the year 1896 be the sum of three and a half cents for each church member.

The Provisional Committee, through its chairman, offered a program for this Association, which was adopted, with the following resolutions: —

That the committee on the work of the churches be allowed twenty

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minutes in which to present their report, and that the remaining committees be allowed five minutes each to state the chief points in their reports, and to call attention to such portions as they may deem worthy of special notice. That not less than one hour be allowed for the consideration of each of the subjects which are introduced for discussion. That twenty minutes be given to each opener of the subject, and from five to ten minutes each to the first two speakers, and that each succeeding speaker be limited to five minutes.

The committee on Sabbath observance asked for a postponement of the presentation of their report to a later hour, to enable them to present it in print, and the request was granted.

A paper on the "Enrichment of the Church Service" was given by Rev. Sam. V. Cole, of Taunton, which was followed by an address by Rev. Daniel Merriman, of Worcester, and remarks by several others.[1]

The following committee on credentials was appointed: —

Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Centre; Rev. Wm. H. Allbright, of Dorchester; Rev. Willis A. Hadley, of Lynn.

The committee on nominations presented the following as a committee to nominate a list of twelve persons from which the Association shall choose six names as nominees for corporate membership in the American Board: —

Rev. Elijah Horr of Worcester, chairman. Rev. Chas. S. Brooks, of Hyde Park; Rev. Chas. L. Merriam, of Lowell; Rev. S. G. Barnes, of Longmeadow; Hon. Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg; Samuel Usher, of Cambridge; Thomas Todd, of Concord.

The following were nominated for membership on the executive committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society: —

Rev. Geo. H. Johnson, of Lowell; Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, of Stoneham.

After singing "I love thy Church, O God," the Association took a recess to meet for the evening session at 7.30 o'clock.

Evening Session.

At the hour appointed the Association re-assembled for public worship and the Lord's Supper.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. James W. Flagg, of Foxboro, and Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Melrose Highlands. The sermon was preached by Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem, from the text, Mark ix. 2.

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Statements were given regarding the needs of the Board of Ministerial Aid, and the annual offering was made amounting to $93.51.

The observance of the Lord's Supper followed, Rev. Eldridge Mix, of Worcester, and Rev. Lyman S. Rowland, of Lee, officiating. After the benediction the Association adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY.

Morning Session.

At half past eight o'clock a devotional service was led by Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, of Middleboro. Promptly at nine o'clock with the moderator in the chair, the Association opened with prayer by Rev. A. P. Foster, of Boston.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On recommendation of the business committee, it was

Voted, To allow the report from the Board of Pastoral Supply ten minutes instead of five.

For the committee on the memorial [1] from Hampden Conference a report was presented by Rev. Joshua Coit, of Winchester, and was accepted.

The Board of Pastoral Supply reported through Rev. Chas. B. Rice, of Danvers,[2] and the report was accepted with the adoption of the following recommendation : —

That the General Association calls attention again to its own recommendations already made concerning the support of the Board and the contributions of the churches.

The committee on presenting resolutions of sympathy to labor organizations reported through Jas. G. Buttrick, of Lowell, who was followed by Rev. Chas. R. Brown, of Charlestown, in a brief address.[3] The report of the committee was accepted and it was

Voted, That the committee be continued.

After singing "There is a fountain filled with blood," a paper was read by Rev. Arthur Little, of Dorchester, upon the theme, "The relation of the Y. P. S. C. E. to the Church."[4] Discussion was opened with two addresses by Rev. E. C. Ewing, of Danvers, and Rev. C. H. Washburn, of Falmouth.

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On recommendation of the business committee, the following resolutions were adopted : —

Whereas, There has been in recent years a growing desire in our own denomination and also in the Christian denominations for church union; and

Whereas, overtures looking toward the union of these two denominations were made October at the National Council in Syracuse, and at the recent joint conference in Piqua, Ohio; and

Whereas, The President of the American Christian Convention has expressed the hope that this Association take action on the subject, which action may be reported by our own representatives to the Christian N. E. Convention which meets in Assonet on June 9;

Therefore, *Be it Resolved*, That we, representatives of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts, rejoice in the increasing desire for a closer union among the followers of our Lord, and that the proposed union between the Christian and Congregational denominations has our earnest and hearty approval.

Resolved, That we send a delegation of three, two clergymen and one layman, to be appointed by the moderator of this Association, to the N. E. Convention in Assonet, June 9, to express to the brethren there assembled, our hopes and wishes and to receive from them an expression of their own.

The following resolution was also adopted : —

That this Association considers that every American citizen, resident abroad, has a right to be protected with all the power of the government of the United States. We claim this right for our fellow-citizens, resident for purposes of instruction in Turkey. We believe that they have been wronged in property and person, that this peril continues and may increase, and therefore we appeal confidently to those charged to maintain the national honor to secure compensation for past wrongs and damage, and absolute protection for the present and the future.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of State.

The committee on temperance, through Rev. Payson W. Lyman, presented their report,[1] which was accepted, and its resolution adopted, and the vote passed that the resolution be telegraphed to Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Boston, for the hearing before a committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society, at the State House, Boston; also, to Rev. A. F. Newton, of Brooklyn, secretary of New York State Central Committee for Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools, to be presented at the meeting of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of New York, now in session in Canandaigua.

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The Association then voted to accept the invitation to hold its next meeting at Plymouth church, Worcester.

A paper, upon the theme, "Ought there to be any Limit to the Admission of Ministers from Other Denominations to our Pastorate"? was presented by Rev. John A. Hamilton, of Newton.[1] Discussion followed.

The following were chosen the committee to represent this Association at the New England Convention to be held in Assonet, June 9: —

Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, of Hyde Park; Rev. John M. Dutton, of Newtonville; C. J. Holmes, of Fall River.

The committee on Sunday observance, through Rev. E. H. Byington, of Newton, presented its report, which was accepted, and its resolutions adopted.[2]

It was then

Voted, That in accord with the resolution of this committee, Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline, be requested to prepare such letter as is recommended, and submit it to this Association at some time during its present session.[3]

On recommendation of the business committee, it was

Voted, That the committee on nominating corporate members of the American Board report at this evening's session.

Also

Voted, That the paper by Rev. Arthur Little, on the "Relation of the Y. P. S. C. E. to the Church," be printed as a special pamphlet, and distributed to the churches as soon as possible.

Also

Voted, That the following resolution be cabled to Congregational Union of England and Wales: —

"Massachusetts Congregationalists tender their sympathy to Non-Conformists of England, in their struggle against the reactionary education measures of their government."

After singing, the Association took a recess until 7.30 P. M.

Evening Session.

The Association reassembled at 7.30, with the moderator in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Hitchcock, of Newburyport.

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The following telegram was read : —

"The General Association of New York reciprocates fraternal greetings. We pray that the temperance instruction law of Massachusetts may never be weakened."

The following persons were nominated for corporate membership of the American Board : —

Rev. A. Z. Conrad, of Worcester; Rev. Chas. E. Jefferson, of Chelsea; Rev. E. A. Reed, of Holyoke; Chas. J. Holmes, of Fall River; James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Samuel Usher, of Cambridge.

The following were chosen members of the Board of Pastoral Supply : —

Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Centre; Bro. Oliver W. Richardson, of Stoneham; F. E. Hodgkins, of Somerville, *for three years*; Rev. Wm. E. Wolcott, of Lawrence, *for two years*; H. N. Ackerman, *for one year*.

The theme of the evening, "Denominational Loyalty," was opened by an address from Jonathan A. Lane, of Boston. He was followed by Hon. Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg and Rev. E. A. Reed, of Holyoke.

After singing and the benediction, the Association adjourned to meet Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY.

Morning Session.

A devotional service opened at 8.30 o'clock under the lead of Rev E. C. Ewing, of Danvers. At nine o'clock the moderator took the chair and called the Association to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. J. Patrick, of Newtonville.

To fill the vacancy upon the business committee, Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton, was elected.

The report of the committee on revision of the rules was accepted, and the amendments proposed by them were adopted in full, with the exception that the closing sentence of Rule XIII., section 2, be changed to read, —

"One session of the Association, or a part thereof, shall be given to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society."

The following committees were elected : —

Provisional committee. — Rev. Archibald McCullagh, Geo. Henry Whitcomb, Rev. A. Z. Conrad, and Elmer G. Tucker, of Worcester; Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale.

Publishing committee. — Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale; Rev. Albert G. Bale, of Melrose; Rev. A. H. Quint, of West Roxbury; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Wm. A. Paine, of Boston.

Auditing committee. — Geo. P. Smith, of Boston; H. N. Ackerman, of West Medford; Thomas Todd, of Concord.

On work of the churches until 1899. — Rev. A. W. Archibald, Hyde Park; Rev. S. G. Barnes, of Longmeadow; Rev. John D. Kingsbury, of Bradford; Rev. Geo. R. Hewett, of Fitchburg; Preston B. Keith, of Brockton; W. G. Harding, of Pittsfield.

On labor organizations. — Jas. G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Rev. Chas. R. Brown, of Charlestown; Rev. C. E. Jefferson, of Chelsea; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline; Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Dorchester; Rev. Jesse H. Jones, of North Abington; John H. Colby, of Boston.

The Association then voted to choose the following special committees, and they were elected.

On temperance. — Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River; Rev. Perley B. Davis, of Dorchester; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield; Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, of Dorchester; Rev. Willis A. Hadley, of Lynn; Rev. Chas. L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain.

On Sunday observance. — Rev. E. H. Byington, of Newton; Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson; Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury; Henry M. Moore, of Somerville; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline.

On home evangelism. — Rev. Chas. L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. A. W. Archibald, of Hyde Park; Geo. Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester; Rev. Isaac G. Smart, of Pittsfield; Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, of Middleboro.

The following resolutions were adopted: —

Resolved, That each local conference of the churches be requested to nominate some suitable person for corporate membership on the American Board, and forward the name, with a short statement of the nominee's personal interest in Foreign Missions, to the secretary of the State Association, and that the list of such names be handed to the nominating committee appointed at the annual meeting, from which their selection may be made.

Whereas, The Board of Pastoral Supply, established by this Association, has, after two years of service, abundantly proved its value to the churches of the State by bringing pastorless churches and churchless pastors into correspondence, with most satisfactory results; and

Whereas, Many of the churches have failed to contribute the small sum equivalent of one-half of one per cent of the usual salary paid the pastor for the support of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association earnestly request the churches which have not responded to this call to send forthwith such contribution to the

treasurer, that the considerable amount already due the secretary, and for which no other provision is made, may be paid.

Rev. Wm. Walker Jubb gave notice of an amendment to the "Rules," to be acted upon at the next annual session. It is as follows: —

That every minister enrolled as a member in our district conferences shall be thereby constituted a member of this Association, and every evangelical Congregational Church in this State may elect one delegate, and these, with the officers, shall comprise the General Association.

A paper on the "Work of the Churches" was presented by the chairman of the committee, Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, of Cambridge.[1]

The committee upon "A Wider Circulation of Religious Literature" reported through Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace.[2]

The report was accepted and its Resolutions adopted.

A paper on "How to provide for the Religious Wants of our Increasing City Population,"[3] was presented by Rev. C. L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain. Addresses upon the same theme were given by Rev. J. E. Tuttle, of Amherst, and Rev. W. L. Tenney, of North Adams.

The following amendments to the Rules of the Association were proposed by Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, of Stoneham: —

Resolved, That Rule VI., No. 6, be so amended as to include the words "assistant secretary," after the word "secretary."

Resolved, That Rule XII., No. 2, be so amended as to include the words "assistant secretary" after the word "secretary."

Resolved, That Rule V. be amended so as to include the words "assistant secretary" after the word "secretary."

Rev. Chas. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton, presented the report of the committee on gambling.[4]

The report was accepted.

"The Preaching needed by the Churches of the Present Day,"[5] was the theme of a paper presented by Rev. A. W. Moore, of Lynn.

An address upon the same subject was given by Hon. C. G. Reed, of Worcester.

After the benediction by Rev. Elijah Horr, of Worcester, the Association took a recess until 2 P. M.

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THURSDAY.

Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at two o'clock, and opened its afternoon session with singing.

It was

Voted, That a committee on gambling be chosen, and the following were elected: —

Arthur H. Wellman, of Malden; Gorman D. Gilman, of Newton; S. T. Field, of Shelburn Falls; Rev. Chas. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. Chas. M. Southgate, of Auburndale; W. H. Emerson, of Cambridge; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, Newton Centre; S. Homer Woodbridge, of Boston.

The following committee on "The Wider Circulation of Religious Literature" was elected: —

Rev. F. B. Makepeace, of Springfield; Rev. Wm. Walker Jubb, of Fall River; Rev. Ellis Mendell, of Jamaica Plain.

The report of the Sunday school committee was given by Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston,[1] followed by a paper on the special theme, "How can we make the Sunday School a more Effective Nursery for the Church?" by Rev. F. B. Makepeace, of Springfield.[2]

Brief addresses were also given by Rev. Charles S. Brooks, of Hyde Park, and Rev. John M. Dutton, of Newtonville.

An address on "The Relation of the Church to Good Citizenship"[3] was given by Rev. W. E. Wolcott, of Lawrence, which was followed by brief addresses on the same theme by Rev. Wm. H. Allbright, of Dorchester, and Rev. E. H. Chandler, of Taunton.

The pastoral letter on "Sunday Observance," by Rev. Reuen Thomas, was then read by Rev. E. H. Byington, of Newton.

It was then

Voted, That this letter be referred back to the committee on "Sunday Observance," and that they secure its publication and distribution to all the Congregational churches of the State.[4]

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The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote: —

Resolved, That at the close of this ninety-fourth session of our General Association, we, the ministers and delegates who have enjoyed the privileges and perquisites so generously provided, hereby express our gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of this meeting; to the pastor and people of this church, and to the sister churches of Fall River who have so cordially received and entertained the Association; to the singers and organist who have helped in our service; to the moderator, the officers, and committees of this body; to the press, who have published such excellent reports of our proceedings; to the railroads, who have furnished reduction in fares, and to all who in any way have made our stay in this beautiful city pleasant and profitable, we express most heartily our earnest thanks.

In the necessary absence of the moderator from the evening service, it was

Voted, That Rev. Arthur Little, of Dorchester, serve through the remainder of the session as temporary moderator. Final words were spoken by Rev. W. W. Adams, of the First church, of Fall River.

After singing the Doxology the Association took a recess till 7.30 P. M.

Evening Session.

At 7.30 o'clock the Association reassembled with Rev. Arthur Little, temporary moderator, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. H. Blake, of Westfield. It was

Voted, That the committee on the Medfield case be continued and the vacancy on the committee was filled by the choice of Mr. John H. Colby of Boston.

It was also

Voted, That in case of any vacancy upon the committee during the year the remaining members be empowered to fill such vacancy.

The theme of the evening, "The Consecration of Wealth," was presented by Mr. Henry M. Moore, of Somerville, and Rev. I. J. Lansing, of Boston.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

The tables which follow comprise: —

1. The list of Conferences, with the times of meeting and names of officers.

2. The statistics of pastoral supply, membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sabbath schools, and families; of the Young People's Societies; those of charities and expenses. The tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the YEAR-BOOK.

3. The statistics of ministers, lists of ordinations, installations, dismissals, and deaths.

The tables of the second part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabetically; churches in each town according to age.

The column specifying ministers is corrected up to the time of printing. Church members and families are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1896. Admissions, removals, and baptisms cover the year 1894. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of teachers and scholars, Jan. 1, 1896, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church.

The months and days in the dates of the organization of churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of churches since organized being given in the list of new churches each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the report of the Association.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "*p. c.*"; pastors duly called by their churches and recognized by some "definite act of the church," but not by council, are marked "*p.*"; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of *ministers* do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the convenience of those who note changes.

☞ All *post-office addresses* are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES.

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THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES.

1. ANDOVER. — Organized June 8, 1859.

CHURCHES. — In Andover: South; West; Free; Union, Ballardvale; Theological Seminary. In Chelmsford: 2d at North; Central. In Dracut: 1st; Central. In Lawrence: Lawrence Street; Trinity; South; United; Riverside. In Lowell: Pawtucket; 1st; Eliot; John Street; Kirk Street; High Street; *French;* Highland; *Swedish.* Methuen. North Andover. Tewksbury. Tyngsboro. Total: 27 churches.

Albert W. Burnham, Lowell, *scribe and treasurer.* Thomas A. McMaster, 77 Westford street, Lowell, *statistical secretary, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in October.

2. BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 28, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Barnstable: West; Centreville; Hyannis. Chatham. In Dennis: South; Union. In Falmouth: 1st; East; North; Waquoit; Woods Holl. Harwich; Harwich Port. Nantucket. Orleans. Provincetown. Sandwich. In Truro: 1st; North. In Wellfleet: 1st; South. In Yarmouth: 1st; West. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Edward L. Marsh, Yarmouth, *scribe, treasurer, and chairman committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on second Tuesday in June and the second Tuesday in December.

3. BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 3, 1867.

CHURCHES. — Adams. Becket North. Dalton. Hinsdale. Lanesboro. Middlefield. North Adams. Peru. In Pittsfield: 1st; 2d; South. Richmond. In Williamstown: 1st; College; South; White Oaks. Windsor. (New Lebanon, N. Y.) Total: 17 churches.

Deacon George French, North Adams, *secretary and treasurer.* Rev. Alford B. Penniman, Adams, *committee on the work of the churches.* Annual meeting, second Wednesday in November; semi-annual, second Wednesday in May.

4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug. 29, 1860.

CHURCHES. — Alford. Becket Centre. Egremont South. In Great Barrington: 1st; Housatonic. Lee. Lenox. Monterey. Mount Washington. In New Marlboro': 1st; Southfield; Mill River. Otis. In Sandisfield: 1st; New Boston. Sheffield. In Stockbridge: 1st; Curtisville. In West Stockbridge: Village; Centre. Total: 20 churches.

Bennett T. Gale, Lee, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, *committee on the work of the churches.* Annual meeting in November.

5. BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE. — Organized June 13, 1821.

CHURCHES. — Barre. Brimfield. Brookfield. Charlton. Dana. Dudley. In Hardwick: 1st; Gilbertville. Holland. New Braintree. In North Brookfield: 1st; Union. Oakham. Southbridge. Spencer. Sturbridge. In Ware: 1st; East; *French.* In Warren: 1st; West. West Brookfield. Total: 22 churches.

Rev. Harris G. Hale, Warren, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Benson M. Frink,

W. Brookfield, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings: annual, first Tuesday in May, 2 days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, 1 day.

6. ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized April 30, 1828.

Churches. — In Amesbury: 1st; Union. Boxford, West. In Bradford: 1st; Ward Hill. Georgetown: 1st; Memorial. Groveland. In Haverhill: West; 4th; Centre; North; Riverside; Union; St. Johns, *French.* In Ipswich: 1st; Linebrook. Merrimac. In Newbury: 1st; Byfield. In Newburyport: North; Prospect Street; Belleville; Whitefield. Rowley. In West Newbury: 1st; 2d. Total: 27 churches.

Rev. David C. Torrey, Byfield, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. John N. Lowell, Haverhill, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

7. ESSEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1827.

Churches. — In Beverly: North; Dane Street; Washington Street. Boxford. In Danvers: 1st; Maple Street. Essex. In Gloucester: West; Evangelical; Lanesville; Magnolia. Hamilton. Ipswich South. In Lynn: 1st; Central; Chestnut Street; North; *Swedish.* In Lynnfield: Centre; 2d. Manchester. Marblehead. Middleton. In Peabody: South; Rockville; West. In Rockport: 1st; Pigeon Cove; *Swedish.* In Salem: Tabernacle; South; Crombie Street. Saugus: 1st, and Cliftondale; Swampscott. Topsfield. Wenham. Total: 37 churches.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Rev. E. C. Ewing, Danvers, *statistical scribe.* Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

8. FRANKLIN CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 10, 1843.

Churches. — Ashfield. Bernardston. Buckland. In Charlemont: 1st; East. Coleraine. Conway. In Deerfield: South; Orthodox. Erving. Gill. In Greenfield: 1st; 2d. In Hawley: East; West. In Montague: 1st; Miller's Falls; Turner's Falls. Northfield. Orange: Central; *Swedish.* In Shelburne: 1st; Falls. Shutesbury. Sunderland. Warwick. Wendell Centre. Whately. Total; 28 churches.

Rev. Edward P. Butler, Sunderland, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets second Wednesday and Thursday in September.

9. HAMPDEN CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 4, 1850.

Churches. — In Agawam: Feeding Hills; 2d. Blandford: 1st; 2d. In Chester: 1st; 2d. In Chicopee: 1st; 2d; 3d. In Granville: East; West. Hampden. In Holyoke: 1st; 2d; French. Huntington, 2d. In Longmeadow: 1st; East. In Ludlow: 1st; Mills. Monson. In Palmer: 1st; 2d; Three Rivers. South Hadley Falls. Southwick. In Springfield: 1st; Olivet; South; North; Indian Orchard; Sandford st.; Hope; *French;* Eastern Avenue; Emmanuel; Park; *Swedish.* Faith. Tolland. In Westfield: 1st; 2d. In West Springfield: 1st; Mittineague; Park st. In Wilbraham: Centre; North. Total, 47 churches.

Rev. Henry C. Meserve, Springfield, *scribe.* Frank P. Searle, Westfield, *treasurer.* Conference meets last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

10. HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE. — Organized February, 1865.

Churches. — Chesterfield. In Cummington: East; West. In Easthampton: 1st; Payson. Goshen. Hatfield. Huntington 1st. In Northampton: 1st;

Edwards; Florence. Plainfield. Southampton. Westhampton. In Williamsburg: 1st; Haydenville. Worthington. Total: 17 churches.

W. M. Purrington, Haydenville, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. A. C. Townsend, Westhampton, *statistical secretary*. Rev. R. M. Woods, Hatfield, *chairman of committee on the work of the churches*. Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the Executive Committee.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 13, 1860.

Churches. — In Amherst: 1st; 2d; College; North; South. Belchertown. Enfield. Granby. Greenwich. In Hadley: 1st; 2d. Leverett. In Pelham: 1st; Packardville. Prescott. South Hadley 1st. Total: 16 churches.

Dea. M. B. Kingman, Amherst, *registrar and treasurer*. Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, *committee on the work of the churches*. Semi-annual meeting, last Tuesday in April; annual, third Tuesday in October.

12. MENDON CONFERENCE. — Organized April 12, 1858.

Churches. — Foxboro'. In Franklin: 1st; South. Mansfield. Medfield. In Medway: Village; West; 3d. Milford. Millis. Norfolk. Walpole. Wrentham. Total: 13 churches.

Rev. Nathan T. Dyer, Medfield, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, *committee on the work of the churches*. Conference meets third Wednesday of April and October.

13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug 20, 1828.

Churches. — Ashland. Dover. In Framingham: Plymouth; Saxonville; South. Holliston. Hopkinton. Hudson. Lincoln. In Marlboro': 1st; *French*. Maynard. In Natick: 1st; South. Northboro'. Sherborn. In Southboro': Pilgrim; Southville. Sudbury. Wayland. Wellesley. Total: 21 churches.

Rev. , *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches*. Meetings, third Tuesdays of April and October.

14. MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1853.

Churches. — Acton: 1st; South. Ashby. Ayer. Boxboro. Concord. Dunstable. In Fitchburg: Calvinist; Rollstone; *German; Swedish*. Groton. Harvard. Lancaster. In Leominster: Centre; North. Littleton. Lunenburg. Pepperell. Shirley Village. Townsend. Westford. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Joel D. Miller, Leominster, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Concord, *committee on the work of the churches*. Annual meeting, third Wednesday in October. Spring meeting in April.

15. NORFOLK CONFERENCE. — Organized June 14, 1827.

Churches. — In Abington: 1st; North. In Braintree: 1st; South. In Bridgewater: Central Square; Scotland. In Brockton: 1st; Campello; Porter Evan.; *Swedish*. In Cohasset: Evangelical; Beechwood. East Bridgewater. In Easton: 1st; *Swedish*. In Hingham: 1st; Nantasket. Holbrook. In Milton: 1st; 2d. In Quincy: Evangelical; Washington st., *Swedish*. Randolph. Rockland. Sharon. Stoughton. In Weymouth: 1st; 2d, South; Landing; Union, South; North; East. Whitman. Total: 34 churches.

Rev. Elbert S. Porter, Bridgewater, *scribe*. Mrs. Mary S. Vining, Hingham, *treasurer*. Rev. R. R. Kendall, Weymouth Heights, *statistical secretary and committee on the work of the churches*. Meetings first Tuesday in May and last Tuesday in September.

16. OLD COLONY CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept. 23, 1856.

CHURCHES. — Dartmouth South. Edgartown. Fairhaven. Lakeville. Marion. Mattapoisett. In Middleboro': 1st; Central. In New Bedford: 1st; North; Trinitarian. In Rochester: 1st; North; East. Wareham. Westport. West Tisbury. Total: 17 churches.

Rev. William Carruthers, 89 Suffolk st., Holyoke, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets for a two-days session the third Tuesday in April and the last Tuesday in October.

17. PILGRIM CONFERENCE. — Organized April 27, 1830.

CHURCHES. — Carver North. Duxbury. Halifax. In Hanover: 1st; 2d. Hanson. Kingston. In Marshfield: 1st; 2d. In Plymouth: Manomet; Pilgrimage; Chiltonville. Plympton. Scituate. Total: 14 churches.

Rev. John Wild, Hanover, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Oscar F. Davis, Chiltonville, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets in April and October, for two days' session each.

18. SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — Arlington. In Boston: 1st and Winthrop, Charlestown; Maverick, East Boston; Mt. Vernon and Seamen's. In Cambridge: 1st; 1st Cambridgeport; North Avenue; Pilgrim, Wood Memorial, and Hope, Cambridgeport. In Chelsea: 1st; Central; 3d. In Everett: 1st; Courtland st.; Mystic Side. In Revere: 1st; Beachmont. In Somerville: 1st; East; Broadway; West; Prospect Hill; Winter Hill; Highlands. Total: 26 churches.

Frank E. Hodgkins, 162 Congress Street, Boston, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, Cambridgeport, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the second Wednesdays of April and October.

19. SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — In Boston: Dorchester, 2d; Union; Phillips, South Boston; Dorchester Village; Eliot, Roxbury; West Roxbury; Central and Boylston, Jamaica Plain; Immanuel, Roxbury; Trinity, Neponset; Pilgrim, Dorchester; Highland and Walnut Avenue, Roxbury; Olivet; Harvard and Bethany, Dorchester; Roslindale. Canton. In Dedham: 1st; Islington. In Hyde Park: 1st; Clarendon. Norwood. In Quincy: Atlantic; Wollaston Heights. East Walpole. Total: 26 churches.

Rev. Wm. H. Allbright, Dorchester, *scribe.* E. S. Hathaway, Hyde Park, *treasurer.* Rev. Ellis Mendell, Jamaica Plain, *statistical secretary and committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

20. SUFFOLK WEST CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 17, 1873.

CHURCHES. — In Belmont: Waverly. In Boston: Old South; Park st.; Berkeley Temple; Brighton; Central; Shawmut; Allston; *Norwegian* and *Swedish.* Brookline. Needham. In Newton: 1st, Newton Centre; 2d, West Newton; Eliot; Auburndale; Nonantum; Central, Newtonville; Highlands. Waltham: 1st; *Swedish.* Watertown. Wellesley Hills. Weston. Total: 24 churches.

Rev. John M. Dutton, Newtonville, *recording secretary.* Benjamin F. Dewing, 35 Hawley Street, Boston, *treasurer.* Rev. Charles E. Havens, Newton Highlands, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings, second Wednesdays of April and October.

21. TAUNTON CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 2, 1849.

CHURCHES. — Attleboro'. Berkley. Dighton. In Fall River: 1st; Central; 3d; *French*; Broadway. Assonet in Freetown. Lakeville. Middleboro' North. North Attleboro': 1st; Falls; Trinity. Norton. In Raynham: 1st; North. Reho-both. Somerset. In Taunton: West; Trinitarian; Winslow; East; Union. Total: 24 churches.

Rev. T. Clayton Welles, Taunton, *scribe, and committee on the work of the churches.* George M. Woodward, Taunton, *treasurer.* Conference holds two sessions annually of one day each, in the spring and fall.

22. WOBURN CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept. 5, 1848.

CHURCHES. — Bedford. Billerica. Burlington. Carlisle. Hancock, Lexington. In Malden: 1st; Maplewood; Linden. In Medford: Mystic; West and South. In Melrose: 1st; Highlands. North Reading. Reading. Stoneham. Wakefield. Wilmington. Winchester. In Woburn: 1st; North; *Scandinavian*; Montvale. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, Stoneham, *clerk and treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the last Tuesdays of April and October.

23. WORCESTER CENTRAL CONFERENCE. — Organized April 28, 1852.

CHURCHES. — Auburn. Berlin. Boylston. Clinton. Holden. Leicester. Ox-ford. Paxton. Princeton. Rutland. Shrewsbury. Sterling. West Boylston. In Worcester: Old South; Central; Union; Salem st.; Summer st.; Plymouth; Piedmont; *Swedish;* Pilgrim; Park; Covenant; Hope; Lake View; Belmont; Bethany; *Armenian*; Immanuel; *Swedish*, 2d. Total: 31 churches.

Rev. Geo. S. Dodge, Worcester, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following third Monday in October.

24. WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 24, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Ashburnham: 1st; North. Athol. Baldwinville. Gardner. Hubbardston. New Salem. In Orange: North. Petersham. Phillipston. In Royalton: 1st; South. Templeton. Westminster. In Winchendon: 1st; North. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. Davis Foster, Winchendon, *scribe.* Meetings in October and June.

25. WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized June 17, 1828.

CHURCHES. — Blackstone: 1st; Millville. In Douglas: 1st; East. In Grafton: 1st; Saundersville. In Millbury: 1st; 2d. In Northbridge: 1st; Whitinsville; Rockdale. Sutton. Upton. Uxbridge. Webster. Westboro'. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, *scribe and chairman of the committee on the work of the churches.* Dea. Amos Armsby, Millbury, *treasurer.* Meetings on fourth Wednesdays of April and October.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Abington,	1712	Forest D. Hunt,*a*	Wilson S. Fritch, *p. c.*	'93	'95	55	110	165	40	3	2	5	6	2	0	8	3	1
" North,	1839	Dea. Cyrus Orcutt,	Walter P. Hutchinson, *p.*	'93	'92	29	68	97	22	3	3	6	3	0	0	3	3	0
Acton,	1832	Horace F. Tuttle,	Bernard Copping, *p. c.*	'79	'94	30	60	90	19	4	0	4	2	5	0	7	3	0
" South,	1893	Edgar I. Banks,	Wilson R. Buxton, *p. c.*	'94	'94	14	37	51	4	3	2	5	0	4	0	4	1	5
Adams,	1840	Edw. W. Streeter,	Alford B. Penniman, *p. c.*	'83	'94	127	244	371	16	16	8	24	3	11	0	14	7	0
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762	Miss Julia A. Bailey,	Frank L. Garfield, *p. c.*	'93	'92	16	41	57	15	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
"	1819	Mrs. C. L. Hayward,	Walter Rice, *p. c.*	'65	'92	81	99	180	61	0	3	3	5	2	0	7	0	4
Alford,	1846	Lester T. Osborn,				5	13	18	7									
Amesbury, Main st.,	1831	J. L. Batchelder,	George L. Richmond, *p. c.*	'83	'81	129	199	328	30	3	1	4	9	4	0	13	0	0
" Union,	1835	Miss Lois L. Fifield,	George W. Christie, *p.*	'73	'91	20	80	100	18	4	0	4	2	5	0	7	3	1
Amherst, 1st,	1739	J. A. Rawson,	Oliver Huckel, *p. c.*	'90	'95	130	314	444	74	0	0	0	8	6	0	14	0	2
" 2d,	1782	Herbert Sabin,	Charles L. Woodworth, *p.*	'49	'93	50	110	160	27	17	2	19	6	3	0	9	14	2
" College,	1826	William I. Fletcher,	John E. Tuttle, *p. c.*	'83	'93	219	56	275	132	4	14	18	1	9	0	10	3	0
" North,	1826	Miss M. E. Harrington,	Eber W. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'73	'90	88	165	253	28	2	3	5	4	1	1	6	1	1
" South,	1858	Mrs. W. B. Rose,	John F. Gleason, *p.*	'73	'95	59	99	158	18	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	0
Andover, South,	1711	M. E. Gutterson,	Frank R. Shipman, *p. c.*	'93	'93	86	214	300	41	12	14	26	6	14	8	28	5	6
" West,	1826	Arthur T. Boutwell,	[Robert A. McFadden, *Lic.*]		'95	85	162	247	44	0	3	3	4	4	0	8	0	0
" Free,	1846	Herbert Goff,	Frederic A. Wilson, *p. c.*	'82	'89	97	250	347	86	9	7	16	2	10	0	12	1	10
" Ballardvale,	1854	William Shaw,				27	70	97	22	3	0	3	1	9	1	11	1	0
" Seminary,	1865	Prof. E. C. Smyth,	The Professors,			90	112	202	42	4	1	5	4	2	0	6	0	4
Arlington,	1842	Henry H. Austin,	Samuel C. Bushnell, *p. c.*	'79	'90	77	170	247	26	3	5	8	4	9	6	19	1	16
Ashburnham, 1st,	1760	Fred. D. Lane,	Frederic P. Johnson, *p.*	'94	'94	40	87	127	43	1	3	4	0	3	8	11	1	0
" North,	1843					3	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashby,	1776	Horace S. Brooks,	William J. Robinson, *p. c.*	'91	'91	73	107	180	44	4	6	10	2	4	0	6	3	0
Ashfield,	1763	Henry S. Ranney,	George H. Bailey, *p.*	'67	'93	65	116	181	14	10	7	17	4	0	0	4	5	6
Ashland,	1835	Edwin Perry,	Charles L. Tomblin, *p.*	'77	'93	33	72	105	25	2	4	6	2	0	0	2	1	0
Athol,	1830	Cyrus K. Wood,*b*	Edwin S. Gould, *p.*	'73	'90	78	224	302	33	5	12	17	7	7	11	25	1	3
Attleboro',	1748	Benjamin P. King,	Elwin L. House, *p. c.*	'88	'93	114	309	423	25	21	18	39	4	8	0	12	17	2
Auburn,	1776	William F. Stone,	Charles M. Pierce, *p.*	'63	'90	44	78	122	38	0	1	1	4	3	0	7	0	0
Ayer,	1861	Clark A. Batchelder,	Horace F. Hallett, *p.*	'91	'94	23	68	91	26	0	6	6	3	0	1	4	0	2
Baldwinville,	1874	Miss M. B. Raymond,	John W. Hird, *p. c.*	'79	'89	44	72	116	23	3	2	5	2	2	6	10	3	2
Barnstable, West,	1616	Rev. S. W. Clarke,	Samuel W. Clarke, *p.*	'74	'94	18	48	66	10	2	3	5	2	2	0	4	2	1
" Centreville,	1840	Dea. Jacob Lovell,	[William C. Detling.]		'96	11	38	49	9	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	1
" Hyannis,	1854	Warren A. Perry,	Henry S. Kimball, *p.*	'66	'92	6	20	26	4	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	3	0
Barre,	1827	Charles S. Root,	Joseph F. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'67	'79	46	115	161	32	2	2	4	4	0	0	4	1	0
Becket, Centre,	1758	Mrs. Lucy O. Ellsworth,*c*	Thomas D. Murphy,	'68	'94	3	11	14	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
" North,	1849	Dea. Jarvis Norcutt,	[Burt M. Kent, *Meth.*]	'90	'95	36	56	92	39	2	1	3	3	1	2	6	2	0
Bedford,	1730	Rev. Edwin Smith,	Edwin Smith, *p.*	'65	'86	66	133	199	36	1	7	8	3	1	0	4	1	3

a **Whitman.** *b* **Athol Centre.** *c* **Bancroft.** Acushnet, *see* New Bedford. Assonet, *see* Freetown. Atlantic, *see* Quincy.
Attleboro Falls, *see* N. Attleboro. Auburndale, *see* Newton. Ballardvale, *see* Andover. Beechwood, *see* Cohasset.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Abington,	W. S. O'Brien,	179	105	80	53	$110	$10	$14	$74	$13	$23	$5	$5	$254	$ 0	$1,328
" North,	William C. Brett,	95	56	80	30	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	143	0	1,324
Acton,	Horace F. Tuttle,	100	74	75	47	54	2	3	51	17	30	2	70	229	0	900
" South,	Isaiah S. Getchell, **W. A.,**	85	55	65	47	21	0	0	10	0	0	0	20	51	0	1,266
Adams,	W. B. Plunkett,	611	406	300	125	104	18	16	102	0	0	0	70	310	0	5,700
Agawam,	Charles L. Brown,	61	27	35	42	36	8	14	13	9	12	0	8	100	0	700
"	William H. Porter,	134	51	98	90	78	180	14	57	46	19	4	62	460	0	1,267
Alford,		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amesbury,	Dea. Charles H. Tucker,	240	157	225	68	188	16	16	129	118	5	0	216	688	0	3,598
"	Mrs. Philip Bartlett,	100	70	133	72	62	29	5	20	51	2	6	81	256	0	1,400
Amherst, 1st,	Frank E. Whitman,	280	132	235	162	689	18	38	998	60	55	0	14	1,872	0	4,080
" 2d,	Charles H. Hooker,	155	85	100	71	42	0	10	14	0	0	0	40	106	1,000	1,000
" College,						910	55	0	349	151	0	16	443	1,924	0	440
" North,	Charles H. Kellogg,	200	108	120	63	274	31	22	360	97	19	15	354	1,172	0	1,672
" South,	George O. Hannum,	150	78	88	50	130	13	14	93	33	6	0	159	448	0	1,762
Andover, South,	Frank B. Jenkins,	315	182	238	137	525	134	48	525	362	38	89	208	1,929	0	3,500
" West,	Edward T. Boutwell,	100	65	90	38	120	87	91	91	130	0	0	107	626	0	1,320
" Free,	J. Newton Cole,	297	192	204	80	83	39	34	277	60	45	0	75	613	0	2,498
" Ballardvale,	William Shaw,	120	90	60	100	62	60	10	204	25	35	0	13	409	0	1,138
" Seminary,	Matthew S. McCurdy,	68	55	72	0	607	232	0	831	155	2	62	297	2,186	0	512
Arlington,	William A. Muller,	330	173		130	277	46	56	137	45	66	22	470	1,119	0	5,000
Ashburnh'm, 1st,	Rev. Frederic P. Johnson,	96	70	150	37	50	0	24	26	37	0	0	12	149	0	1,600
" North.						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashby,	Harlon R. Foster,	110	70	80	40	20	6	0	14	19	7	0	212	278	0	1,382
Ashfield,	John M. Sears,	150	75	125	43	118	14	0	82	16	16	10	113	369	0	4,400
Ashland,	Dea. William H. Havendon,	129	54	125	58	94	13	13	30	27	12	0	0	189	0	1,225
Athol,	Oren M. Lawton,	287	185	225	116	135	25	0	525	66	30	0	196	977	0	2,271
Attleboro',	Martin L. Chapman,	563	322	350	100	477	92	57	470	93	91	137	2,975	4,392	2,000	3,500
Auburn,	Mrs. Julia F. Bancroft,	180	100	86	47	110	0	0	61	38	14	0	13	236	0	1,200
Ayer,	Augustus Lovejoy,	85	47	80	46	65	2	12	26	3	2	4	10	124	0	1,516
Baldwinville,	Horace H. Hall,	143	87	115	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	150	162	0	1,325
Barnstable, W.,	Dea. Philip H. Robinson,	m111	55	142	21	10	0	5	13	5	0	0	11	44	0	500
" Centreville,	Cyrenus A. Lovell, jr.,	66	43	40	23	36	0	0	27	3	0	0	7	73	100	566
" Hyannis,	E. E. Field,	56	35	76	44	3	2	1	6	2	2	0	50	66	0	600
Barre,	James A. Carruth,	110	60	100	53	254	20	0	400	107	8	5	46	840	0	1,500
Becket, Centre,	Francis Alderman, **Becket,**	20	20	25	0	4	0	0	96	4	4	0	6	114	0	304
" North,	Henry A. Jennings,	87	55	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	650
Bedford,	Wallace G. Webber,	225	130	153	50	559	0	4	527	9	0	0	57	1,156	0	2,000

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City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Belchertown,	1737	Charles B. Southick,				69	153	222	67	3	4	7	7	7	0	14	3	2
Belmont, **Waverly,**	1865	Robert C. Claus,	George P. Gilman, *p.*	'72	'83	18	39	57	15	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	2	4
Berkley,	1737	Dea. Rollin H. Babbitt,	Franklin K. Beem, *p. c.*	'95	'94	26	54	80	14	0	1	1	2	0	1	3	0	3
Berlin,	1779	William S. Eager,	Henry F. Markham,	'80	'94	30	59	89	23	4	2	6	2	0	0	2	2	0
Bernardston,	1824	Dea. Henry Slate,	David H. Strong, *p.*	'85	'88	25	46	71	8	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	0
Beverly, North,	1715	Charles S. Brown,	[Joseph Dawson, *Meth.*]		'93	18	35	53	8	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
" Dane st.,	1802	Luther S. Herrick,	Francis J. Van Horn, *p. c.*	'93	'95	122	279	401	32	6	9	15	5	1	3	9	4	0
" Washington st.,	1837	William A. Lefavour,	William A. Bacon, *p. c.*	'95	'95	68	170	238	43	4	2	6	5	9	0	14	1	0
Billerica,	1829	Rev. Daniel W. Hardy,	Daniel W. Hardy, *p.*	'74	'93	28	57	85	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Blackstone,	1841	Calvin H. Lee,				13	23	36	12	1	0	1	3	3	0	6	0	1
" *Swedish*, **Millville,**	1892	A. Westberg,	Axel Hedlund, *p.*		'93	9	4	13	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	4
Blandford, 1st,	1735	Charles B. Hayden,	Allen C. Ferrin, *p. c.*		'96	25	57	82	17	2	0	2	5	0	1	6	2	0
" **North,**	1893	Mrs. Julia C. Loveland,	Allen C. Ferrin, *p. c.*		'96	4	13	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Boston, **Charlestown,**	1632	Dea. Charles Stowell,	Charles H. Pope,		'96	59	167	226	90	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Old South,	1669	J. Converse Gray,	George A. Gordon, *p. c.*		'84	199	419	618	47	10	28	38	14	9	0	23	2	6
" 2d, **Dorchester,**	1808	M. D. Brigham,	Arthur Little, *p. c.*		'89	207	409	616	75	14	14	28	11	6	0	17	4	15
" Park st.,	1809	Marshall S. Rice,	Isaac J. Lansing, *p. c.*		'74	353	565	918	400	39	17	56	8	17	0	25	13	2
" Union,	1822	Samuel H. Root,				170	383	553	100	10	33	43	16	29	0	45	6	4
" Phillips, **South,**	1823	Dea. W. B. Bancroft,	Charles A. Dinsmore, *p.*		'96	184	488	672	135	25	11	36	9	30	47	86	6	12
" Berkeley Temple,	1827	Rev. Wm. S. Kelsey,	Charles A. Dickinson, *p.c.a*		'88	368	695	1063	166	39	48	87	12	32	0	44	23	20
" **Brighton,**	1827	Elbra L. Barker,	Adolph A. Berle, *p. c.*		'91	72	139	211	29	2	6	8	0	3	0	3	0	7
" Village, **Dorchester,**	'29	Frederick M. Swan,	George W. Brooks, *p.*		'90	65	148	213	21	48	10	58	3	3	0	6	21	2
" **Winth'p, Charlest'n,**	'33	Edward B. Ladd,	Charles R. Brown, *p. c.*		'89	92	96	299	395	75	21	17	38	9	19	0	28	4	10
" **Eliot, Roxbury,**	1834	E. W. Bumstead,	August'sC.Thompson *p.c.* / B. Frank Hamilton, *p. c.*	'42 / '65	'42 / '71	122	262	384	79	12	3	15	2	5	0	7	7	5
" Central,	1835	Arthur G. Stanwood,	Edward L. Clark, *p. c.*		'61	'93	72	169	241		7	24	31	6	2	1	9	5	1
" **W. Roxbury,**	1835	Edw. W. Schuerch,	Frank W. Merrick, *p. c.*		'91	'93	47	112	159	25	6	12	18	1	4	1	6	0	6
" Maverick, **East,**	1836	Lawrence S. James,	Smith Baker, *p. c.*		'60	'93	138	344	482	233	25	7	32	5	13	0	18	3	37
Mt. Vernon,	1842	Sanford Keith,	Samuel E. Herrick, *p. c.*		'63	'71	111	272	383		13	5	18	10	12	36	58		
Shawmut,	1845	Charles P. Loring,	Edwin B. Webb, *p.c., em.* / William E. Barton, *p. c. b*		'50 / '85	'60 / '93					11	15	26	4	21	192	217	7	1
Jamaica Plain,	1853	James H. Dodge,	Charles L. Morgan, *p. c.*		'76	'94	171	365	536	101	26	21	47	3	24	0	27	11	15
Immanuel, **Roxb'y,**	1857	Royal T. Brodrick,	Charles H. Beale, *p. c.*		'80	'94	108	309	415		6	14	20	5	13	0	18	3	5
Neponset,	1859	Herbert Tucker,	Eugene C. Webster, *p. c.*		'90	'93	38	69	107	23	3	3	6	3	3	12	18	1	1
" Pilgrim, **Dorche'r,**	1867	Charles H. Crockett,	William H. Allbright, *p.c.*		'79	'90	123	282	405	12	54	35	89	3	23	3	29	33	18
" Highland, **Roxb'y,**	1869	George W. Basford,	William R. Campbell, *p. c.*		'81	'81	137	301	438	103	21	14	35	3	14	9	26	8	18
" Walnut av., **Roxb'y,**	'70	Dea. C. H. W. Wood,	Albert H. Plumb, *p. c.*		'58	'72	114	252	366	24	2	10	12	4	16	0	20	1	5
" Olivet,	1876	Miss S. C. Smith,	Donald Browne, *p.*		'90	'95	25	59	84		6	1	7	0	3	0	3	0	0
" Boylston, **Ja. Plain,**	1879	Sylvester R. Crocker,	Ellis Mendell, *p. c.*		'79	'88	68	187	255	50	15	9	24	1	7	0	8	6	9
" *Swed.*,	1881	Dea. John R. Sjöman,	Peter Vincentius, *p. c.*		'88	'87	70	139	209	10	21	4	25	0	20	5	25	0	11
" *Norwegian*,	1885	Svend Clements,	Morten Olsen, *p.*		'95	'94	15	34	49	3	3	0	3	0	1	3	4	0	5

a William S. Kelsey, '85, '91, and Lawrence Phelps, '78, '95, associate pastors. *b* George H. Cate, asst. p., '79, '94.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Belchertown,	Walter R. Blackmer,	160	114	150	70	33	0	0	38	41	0	0	0	112	0	1,375
Belmont,	Harris V. Carpenter,	110	60	60	30	21	0	0	22	0	0	0	14	57	0	1,400
Berkley,	Caleb D. Babbitt,	70	40	67	39	43	0	0	11	0	5	0	0	59	0	1,025
Berlin,	Charles M. Sawyer,	95	61	55	39	32	0	13	26	14	6	0	25	116	0	900
Bernardston,	Alonzo Alford,	89	50	49	24	71	24	13	39	8	11	0	20	192	5	825
Beverly, North,	Charles S. Brown,	163	108	75	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	85	0	
" Dane st.,	Charles L. Odell,	588	522	350	218	1,434	122	0	657	193	20	0	159	2,585	0	4,128
" Wash'ton st.,	Melvin E. Davenport,	296	180	260	72	289	6	10	189	28	10	0	150	682	0	3,763
Billerica,	John E. Bull,	72	50	50	45	86	0	0	22	27	6	0	27	168	1,000	1,250
Blackstone,	Calvin H. Lee,	60	45	60	67	50	5	13	15	0	5	0	17	105	0	1,500
" Millville,	Frank Carlsjau,	11	10	5	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	6	0	
Blandford, 1st,	Charles B. Hayden,	90	38	80	0	62	0	0	0	100	0	0	153	315	0	1,300
" North,	Harrison L. Pease,	65	48	56	22	0	0	3	4	0	5	0	0	12	0	630
Boston, Ch'st'n,	Gardner Bates,	130	86		46	25	0	0	0	60	0	0	15	100	0	3,000
" Old South,	Nathan B. Day,	537	327		0	10,370	610	254	11,100	3,856	221	0	1,826	28,237	0	
" 2d, Dorch'r,	William Q. Wales,	813	472	475	153	3,629	1,458	494	3,421	742	218	50	1,229	11,241	0	9,210
" Park st.,	S. G. Greenwood,	445	254		113	2,285	0	111	2,356	627	0	0	3,947	9,326	0	26,143
" Union,	John H. Colby,	450	275	500	300	995	87	50	1,312	469	128	0	0	3,041	0	11,219
" Phillips, South	Minot F. Davis,	747	530	375	384	848	16	16	1,089	48	16	0	0	2,033	0	8,598
" Berkeley Tem.	Rev. Wm. S. Kelsey,	552	385	600	273	150	0	0	83	0	0	0	1,414	1,647	0	
" Brighton,	George C. Brock,	m356	228	300	167	409	204	0	1,390	0	0	0	498	2,501	0	5,655
" Village, Dorc.	W. G. Swan,	230	165	75	205	157	20	22	568	12	16	16	0	811	0	3,007
" Winth'p, C'n,	Frank S. Mason,	589	413	400	145	423	76	35	500	70	0	0	2,418	3,522	0	6,089
" Eliot, Roxb.,	Charles W. Hill,	330	220	245	158	1,492	101	41	1,604	106	50	0	614	4,008	0	4,396
" Central,	Dr. H. S. Pomeroy,	150			0	3,702	500	433	4,381	510	900	0	431	10,857	0	13,000
" W. Roxbury,	E. E. Grover,	236	139	183	53	273	18	0	222	57	0	20	222	812	0	5,970
" Mave'k, East,	Dea. J. Willard Brown,	717	473	430	281	194	35	75	615	72	14	0	356	1,361	0	6,490
" Mt. Vernon,	Dea. David R. Craig,	130	87	340	53	2,702	8,065	81	2,037	119	0	24	791	13,819	0	
" Shawmut,	Rev. George H. Cate,	m706	402		205	3,200	143	40	1,135	210	26	10	0	4,764	0	9,717
" Jamaica Pl.,	J. W. Farmer,	565	357	400	165	824	195	84	1,297	329	96	270	428	3,523	0	7,592
" Imman'l, Rox.	William A. Paine,	456	297	200	155	1,149	0	299	627	336	75	0	1,426	3,912	0	7,562
" Nepouset,	C. H. Horne,	154	77	100	91	76	13	15	155	51	14	31	137	492	0	1,501
" Pilg'm, Dorch.	Edwin S. Woodbury,	398	251	448	188	278	167	80	526	0	25	0	450	1,526	0	9,299
" High'd, Rox.,	Charles H. Ziegler,	685	398	260	134	387	118	81	568	20	40	0	260	1,474	0	4,836
" Walnut av., R.	Dr. J. E. Butler,	374	260	200	146	994	51	302	1,857	306	99	324	225	4,158	500	14,117
" Olivet,	David R. Fraser,	39	20	35	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	1,025
" Boylston, J. P.	Sylvester R. Crocker,	442	275	330	127	293	13	16	86	64	22	0	249	743	0	3,838
" *Swed.*,	John E. Friberg,	m194	142		50	206	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	259	0	8,030
" *Norw.*,	Rev. Morten Olsen,	46	13	30	0	2	0	30	3	0	0	0	0	35	0	958

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Boston, **Allston,**	1886	Dea. C. M. De Meritt,	John O. Haarvig, *p. c.*	'83	'95	106	198	304		8	19	27	2	15	0	17	5	4
" **Harvard, Dorch'r,**	1888	Henry N. Marr,	William H Bolster, *p. c.*	'72	'92	35	93	128	16	4	12	16	1	3	0	4	3	1
" **Central, Dorch'r,**	1888	James H. Landers,	Perley B. Davis, *p.*	'62	'92	45	63	108	18	1	5	6	1	3	0	4	0	12
" **Seamen's,**	1888	James E. MacDonald,	Sylvester S. Nickerson, *p.c.*	'76	'88	59	17	76	38	9	0	9	2	3	0	5	2	0
" **Roslindale,**	1890	Dea. H. H. Cole,	Richard B. Grover, *p.*	'81	'90	59	116	175	8	11	29	40	2	0	2	4	2	11
Boxboro', **West Acton,**	1784	A. W. Wetherbee,	Albert B. Peabody, *p.*	'60	'91	24	32	56	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boxford,	1702	W. W. Howe,	Emery L. Bradford, *p. c.*	'92	'92	34	94	128	50	0	1	1	9	0	0	9	0	0
" **West,**	1736	William K. Cole,	Charles L. Hubbard, *p. c.*	'68	'78	24	47	71	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1
Boylston,	1743	Calvin H. Andrews,	D. Emery Burtner, *p.*	'90	'93	51	90	141	31	5	5	10	3	2	0	5	5	2
Bradford,	1682	Dea. S. W. Carleton,	John D. Kingsbury, *p. c.*	'56	'66	143	310	453	35	9	7	16	4	4	0	8	9	3
" **Ward Hill,**	1893	Harlan Chase,	John C. C. Evans,	'93	'96	19	41	60	3	8	2	10	2	0	0	2	9	0
Braintree, 1st,	1707	Dea. Arza B. Keith,	Alfred A. Ellsworth, *p. c.*	'62	'85	43	131	174	31	1	7	8	2	6	1	9	0	4
" **South,**	1829	Noah Torrey,	C. F. Hill Crathern,	'86	'96	24	44	68	9	0	4	4	2	5	0	7	0	1
Bridgewater,	1821	Dea. L. A. Darling,	Elbert S. Porter, *p. c.*	'83	'89	85	169	254	58	11	0	11	6	2	0	8	8	3
" **Scotland,**	1836	Mrs. T. C. Wilbur, *a*	Elbert S. Porter,	'83	95	14	26	40	18	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Brimfield,	1724	Dea. Edward B. Brown,	Robert J. Kyle, *p. c.*	'85	'94	29	52	81	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Brockton, 1st,	1740	Jesse F. Perkins,				95	237	332		0	3	3	5	24	0	29	0	0
" **Campello,**	1837	Rufus P. Keith,	William T. Beale, *p. c.*	'82	'94	126	251	377		17	6	23	9	5	0	14	17	0
" Porter,	1850	Dea. Geo. C. Cary,	Allan B. Hudson, *p.*	'92	'96	191	415	606	80	7	12	19	6	7	0	13	3	5
" *Swed.*, **Campello,**	1879	Dea. Wm. Allen,	Karl F. Ohlson, *p.*	'88	'92	128	150	278	27	14	0	14	2	15	6	23	0	23
Brookfield,	1756	Mrs. E. K. Godell,	E. B. Blanchard, *p. c.*	'92	'95	38	94	132	44	8	4	12	3	3	0	6	7	0
Brookline, Harvard,	1844	Edward Sharp,	Reuen Thomas, *p. c.*	'60	'75	201	442	643	90	8	24	32	9	7	0	16	0	0
Buckland,	1785	Dea. H. L. Warfield,	Alpheus C. Hodges, *p. c.*	'81	'81	57	117	174	37	0	4	4	1	1	3	5	0	3
Burlington,	1735	Dea. Samuel Sewall,	Austin Dodge, *p.*	'66	'95	13	39	52	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge, 1st,	1636	C. F. Stratton,	Alex'r McKenzie, *p. c.b*	'61	'67	235	572	807		8	28	36	8	16	0	24		12
" Prospect st.,	1827	Albert B Long,				129	292	421		5	10	15	3	11	0	14	0	2
" North av.,	1857	John F. Eaton, *c*				166	301	467	75	11	17	28	5	11	0	16	5	6
" Pilgrim,	1865	Dea. Daniel S. Coolidge,				244	439	683	126	27	11	38	9	21	0	30	13	5
" Wood Memorial,	1872	Dea. Abijah R. Buck,	Isaiah W. Sneath, *p. c.*	'84	'87	82	169	251	31	15	16	31	2	4	7	13	4	16
" Hope,	1890	Frank R. Stewart,	Charles M. Carpenter, *p.*	'90	'93	33	55	88	23	3	2	5	1	5	4	10	1	14
Canton,	1828	Abner Morse,	Mark B. Taylor, *p. c.*	'75	'88	48	68	116	5	9	1	10	2	1	0	3	3	0
Carlisle,	1781	W. A. Prescott,	Lyman Mevis, *p.*	'91	'94	17	31	48	13	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1
Carver, **North,**	1733	Theron M. Cole,	Nehemiah Lincolu, *p.*	'72	'87	18	26	44	10	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	0
Charlemont, 1st,	1788	Dea. J. H. Smead,	William R. Joyslin,	'64	'96	36	61	97	5	0	5	5	3	4	0	7	0	0
" **East,**	1845	Mrs. Lymau Whiting,	Lyman Whiting, *p.*	'43	'89	18	43	61	9	0	3	3	3	2	0	5	0	1
Charlton,	1761	Dea. M. D. Woodbury,	George O. Jenness,	'61	'96	18	42	60	20	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	2	0
Chatham,	1720	Geo. S. Atwood,	Daniel W. Richardson,	'62	'96	21	60	81	30	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	7
Chelmsford, **North,**	1824	Charles H. Holt,	S. Ingersoll Briant, *p.*	'68	'89	19	51	70	14	2	6	8	0	1	0	1	0	0
" **Central,**	1876	A. B. Woodworth,	Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96	'94	28	62	90	0	3	4	7	2	0	0	2	2	0
Chelsea, 1st,	1841	Waldo E. Pratt,	Ross C. Houghton, *p. c.*	'69	'95	101	282	383	67	5	8	13	4	16	28	48	2	7

a **Bridgewater.** *b* Leonard S. Parker, asst. p., '38, '86. *c* **West Somerville.** Byfield, *see* Newbury. Campello, *see* Brockton.
Centreville, *see* Barnstable. Charlestown, *see* Boston.

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Boston, Allston,	F. M. Newcomb,	390	196	250	87	666	59	125	927	49	32	53	42	1,953	0	6,130
" Harvard,	Henry N. Marr,	225	158	175	45	145	0	13	32	258	0	6	271	725	0	3,800
" Central,	Andrew J. Hersey,	175	125	75	26	88	0	15	135	10	17	0	103	368	0	2,000
" Seamen's,	Fred P. Greenwood, Everett,	55	34	22	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	150	0	
" Roslindale,	George Dame,	300	175	225	141	145	15	20	144	0	0	10	50	384	0	3,881
Boxboro,	Martin E. Wood,	70	40	28	23	53	4	6	40	10	7	0	50	170	0	557
Boxford,	S. P. Killam,	120	62	105	40	35	0	22	28	36	0	0	77	198	0	3,100
" West,	N. B. Sargent,	70	30	75		50	8	0	23	18	0	0	93	192	0	
Boylston,	Calvin H. Andrews,	160	75	110	56	30	0	10	27	38	16	5	20	146	200	1,425
Bradford,	Levi A. Drury,	550	280	500	75	251	10	53	526	61	50	0	511	1,462	0	4,000
"	Charles Bisbee,	153	75	100	47	20	0	0	13	10	0	0	65	108	0	1,274
Braintree, 1st,	Charles S. Bates,	243	152		56	227	32	21	411	31	63	0	273	1,058	0	3,751
" South,	Henry B. Whitman,	199	75		25	37	15	10	42	25	30	0	45	204	0	1,400
Bridgewater,	William D. Jackson,	210	114	140	140	111	13	0	134	51	33	0	275	617	0	2,576
" Scotland,	Edward E. Keith,	64	25	35	32	5	0	3	29	0	0	0	2	39	0	450
Brimfield,	George H. Streeter,	75	56	37	32	48	5	5	10	22	8	0	25	123	500	1,095
Brockton, 1st,	Arthur N. Whitney,	216	92		104	66	10	0	0	386	30	0	158	650	0	
" Campello,	Adelbert F. Keith,	m690	400	375	118	373	100	85	235	135	75	34	544	1,581	0	4,500
" Porter,	Charles A. Jenney,	m1057	581		305	525	53	25	1,766	65	53	0	1,563	4,050	14,000	7,727
" *Swed.*, Camp.	Eric Johnson,	214			78	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	3,712
Brookfield,	E. B. Hale,	180	85	90	60	73	78	12	49	8	3	4	0	227	0	1,384
Brookline, Har'd,	E. B. Floyd,	430	250		175	1,715	282	327	3,146	525	523	175	10,030	16,723	0	16,000
Buckland,	Edmund F. Smith,	118	71	127	62	51	25	15	50	65	0	0	44	250	0	1,000
Burlington,	Thomas I. Reed,	50	40	60	50	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	1,000
Cambridge, 1st,	George E. Mackintire,	m541	358		125	1,939	0	196	4,616	216	809	0	409	8,185	0	9,000
" Prospect st.,	Allyne L. Merrill,	465	286		121	731	46	42	1,146	249	48	0	780	3,043	0	6,026
" North av.,	James Morrison,	671	354	300	274	753	213	3	633	123	43	159	354	2,281	0	8,847
" Pilgrim,	George B. Caswell,	559	381	450	224	747	143	102	886	296	243	0	797	3 214	0	5,764
" Wood Mem.	A. Lawrence Ball,	425	255	400	162	85	20	5	70	20	11	2	220	433	0	3,402
" Hope,	Harrie Abbott,	150	105	150	75	62	0	0	0	15	0	0	52	129	0	1,700
Canton,	Miss Jennie F. Ellis,	120	76	100	93	256	0	0	110	134	41	0	254	795	0	2,288
Carlisle,	Warren B. Chamberlin,	98	50	50	32	10	5	10	23	25	5	0	10	88	0	9,000
Carver, North,	Elmer B. Perkins,	60	36	55	25	51	5	5	26	11	8	0	23	129	0	500
Charlemont, 1st,	George H. Frary,	120	62	110	28	22	4	6	11	31	4	32	12	122	0	653
" East,	E. T. Packard,	71	40	46	30	33	509	12	23	8	14	4	16	619	0	950
Charlton,		50	25	75	41	28	1	2	15	6	6	0	6	64	0	791
Chatham,	Levi Atwood,	79	36	75	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	600
Chelmsford, N ,	Arthur H. Sheldon,	124	75	133	54	19	5	12	17	20	0	0	7	80	0	1,488
" Central,	Samuel Hagerman,	135	76	75	63	62	0	17	22	25	0	0	27	153	0	2,140
Chelsea, 1st,	Arthur C. Stone,	m510	313	300	122	895	0	5	14	5	10	0	2,307	3,236	2,000	11,125

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Chelsea, Central,	1851	George M. Davis,	Charles E. Jefferson, *p. c.*	'87	'87	158	492	650	86	34	14	48	8	30	9	47	13	12
" 3d,	1877	Jacob Pratt, jr.,	[James B. Dunn, *Pres.*]		'93	45	114	159	53	8	3	11	0	3	0	3	3	2
Chester, 1st,	1769	Dea. Alfred S. Foote,	Edward C. Haynes,	'82	'93	14	15	29	14	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
" 2d,	1844	E. O. Redfield,	Thomas D. Murphy, *p.*	'68	'93	33	73	106	15	5	4	9	1	0	0	1	4	0
Chesterfield,	1764	Mrs. Wm. Baker,	Hanson E. Thygeson, *p.*	'87	'95	32	59	91	15	1	4	5	0	2	0	2	1	3
Chicopee, 1st,	1752	Rev. C. G. Burnham,	Collins G. Burnham, *p. c.*	'79	'88	27	55	82	18	2	6	8	4	2	2	8	2	0
" Falls,	1830	A. B. West,	Hervey G. Pillsbury, *p.c.*	'82	'95	67	110	177	20	1	17	18	5	2	14	21	0	4
" 3d,	1834	James L. Pease,	[Charles Pease, *Lic.*]		'94	53	155	208	69	15	7	22	1	1	5	7	9	3
Clinton,	1844	Edward L. Greene,	William W. Jordan, *p. c.*	'84	'93	155	302	457	81	24	9	33	11	16	0	27	8	14
Colrasset,	1824	Warren L. Tower,	E. Victor Bigelow, *p. c.*	'91	'91	28	98	126	18	5	1	6	3	5	0	8	2	2
" Beechwood,	1863	Dea. Ezra Brown,	[George I. Newton, *Lic.*]		'96	6	26	32	9	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coleraine,	1750	Dea. A. H. Temple,*a*	Frederick H.Bodman,*p.c.*	'05	'94	10	35	45	4	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Concord,	1826	Ole O. Thorpe,	George A. Tewksbury, *p.*	'63	'91	62	127	189	29	14	1	15	4	2	1	7	3	2
Conway,	1768	Henry W. Billings,	Eugene F. Hunt, *p.*	'84	'95	64	122	186	27	18	3	21	6	11	0	17	16	0
Cummington,	1839	Miss F. M. Porter,	Joseph W. Strout, *p.*	'86	'94	37	75	112	17	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
" West,	1840	Mrs. S. D. Benjamin,	Joseph W. Strout, *p.*	'86	'94	8	27	35	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dalton,	1785	Dea. Henry A. Barton,	George W. Andrews, *p.*	'82	'83	102	200	302	34	12	4	16	4	3	0	7	8	9
Dana,	1852	N. L. Johnson,	Harlan Page, *p.*		'93	7	16	23	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Danvers Centre,	1689	E. A. H. Grover,	Curtis M. Geer, *p. c.*		'90	53	144	197	20	9	2	11	6	1	0	7	7	0
" Maple st.,	1844	John S. Learoyd, jr.,	Edward C. Ewing, *p. c.*		'63	117	285	402	28	83	24	107	5	5	1	11	55	19
Dartmouth, South,	1807	Wanton H. Gray,	Albion H. Ross, *p.*		'91	14	36	50	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dedham,	1638	Miss Sarah B. Baker,	Joseph B. Seabury, *p. c.*		'75	86	203	289	56	25	1	26	4	2	0	6	12	1
" Islington,	1878	Marcus H. Ellis,	Warren F. Bickford, *p.*		'76	5	18	23	2	6	0	6	1	1	0	2	4	0
Deerfield, South,	1818	B. L. Howes,	John Cowan, *p.*		'75	60	105	165	15	1	1	2	6	11	0	17	1	1
"	1835					24	61	85	13	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2
Dennis, South,	1817	Miss E. H. Underwood,				4	46	50	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
" Union,	1866	Nathan A. Howes,				7	32	39	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dighton, North,	1710	Dea. Geo. E. Gooding,	Granville Yager, *p.*		'95	19	43	62	12	4	0	4	1	2	0	3	4	0
Douglas,	1747	Mrs. Laura Balcom,	Aaron B. Peffers, *p.*		'92	7	40	47	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
" East,	1834	Dea. Edwin Moore,	{ William T. Briggs, *p. em.* { Frederick A. Balcom, *p.*	'46 '82	'66 '94	38	78	116	25	0	2	2	3	6	0	9	0	2
Dover,	1839	George L. Howe,	Edwin Leonard, *p.*		'52	22	28	50	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	1
Dracut, 1st,	1721	James S. Thompson,	Ernest L. Baker, *p. c.*		'94	11	49	60	12	4	9	13	1	2	0	3	1	4
" Central,	1847	Wm. H. Stickney,	William A. Lamb, *p.*		'74	36	51	87	13	11	4	15	1	1	0	2	10	4
Dudley,	1732	Dea. Wm. H. Upham,	William E. Morse, *p.*		'84	22	62	84	20	9	4	13	2	2	1	5	8	1
Dunstable,	1757	Lyman B. Parkhurst,	Bartlett H. Weston, *p.*		'90	22	46	68	8	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	1	0
Duxbury,	1843	John H. Haverstock,	Solomon G. Merrick, *p.*		'86	11	52	63	14	0	1	1	0	3	2	5	0	0
East Bridgewater,	1826	James S. Allen,	Frank H. Palmer, *p.*		'80	46	63	109	20	2	2	4	4	0	0	4	2	0
Easthampton, 1st,	1785		Sumner G. Wood, *p. c.*		'80	98	235	333	48	8	11	19	8	8	0	16	3	4
" Payson,	1852	Charles H. Johnson,	Charles H. Hamlin, *p. c.*		'76	134	342	476	75	9	6	15	9	12	0	21	5	6
Easton,	1725	Dea. E. B. Hayward,*b*	Augustus H. Fuller, *p.*		'78	54	117	171	35	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	1

a **Griswoldville.** *b* **Eastondale.** Chiltonville, *see* Plymouth. Clarendon Hills, *see* Hyde Park. Curtisville, *see* Stockbridge. Dorchester, *see* Boston.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Chelsea, Central,	George H. Buck,	h1,100	477	750	136	500	47	20	183	30	14	11	831	2,436	0	9,596
" 3d,	Henry A. Tenney,	275	164		42	12	0	7	19	18	0	14	0	70	0	2,263
Chester, 1st,	Rev. E. C. Haynes,	30	22	21	0	0	0	0	7	5	7	0	2	21	0	381
" 2d,	F. A. Mixer,	121	58	84	77	8	0	0	8	9	4	0	43	72	0	1,611
Chesterfield,	William H. Baker,	90	44	125	49	50	0	4	0	3	37	0	14	108	0	
Chicopee, 1st,	Rev. Collins G. Burnham,	75	42	45	0	379	19	17	74	17	6	5	11	528	0	1,120
" Falls,	F. M. Nichols,	176	116	140	29	138	78	62	323	66	60	15	340	1,082	0	2,500
" 3d,	Melzar H. Mosman	138	100	80	63	45	28	0	211	49	3	0	63	399	0	2,100
Clinton,	Edward W. Breed,	640	344	350	211	441	248	31	425	83	51	121	760	2,160	0	4,405
Cohasset,	Philander Bates,	147	84	130	90	140	0	0	193	0	16	0	0	349	0	2,148
" Beechwood,	Dea. Ezra Brown,	65	50	50	49	0	0	0	5	0	6	0	0	11	0	475
Coleraine,	Rev. F. H. Bodman,	70		50	0	0	6	10	7	0	0	0	15	38	0	728
Concord,	Benjamin Moody,	220	140	190	95	409	70	16	453	68	48	29	138	1,226	200	4,549
Conway,	Samuel H. Clary,	132	88	90	60	97	7	12	33	23	6	6	35	219	0	2,000
Cummington,	William H. Shaw,	120	86	80	41	43	7	0	38	26	5	0	13	132	0	855
" West,	Mrs. S. D. Benjamin,	26	18	36	27	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	3	13	0	226
Dalton,	Dea. John D. Carson,	373	217	255	187	1,195	948	164	2,770	695	156	78	1,082	7,088	0	3,292
Dana,	Forest A. Hicks, Nichewaug,	23	18	28	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	205
Danvers Centre,	E. H. Gilford,	244	121	165	70	200	15	0	237	135	5	0	30	622	0	2,594
" Maple st.,	George W. Fiske,	517	351	287	214	761	197	119	587	300	99	27	850	2,940	0	4,912
Dartmouth, So.,	E. B. Sturtevant,	65	38	100	80	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	1,500
Dedham,	James Y. Noyes,	266	202	197	102	1,129	214	93	1,130	124	91	67	410	3,258	0	3,976
" Islington,	W. F. Bickford,	54	33	80	33	9	0	0	12	0	0	0	21	42	0	200
Deerfield, South,	Henry A. Field,	160	89	125	43	131	18	11	44	69	4	7	10	294	0	1,275
"	J. J. Greenough,	35	25	41	30	40	2	0	22	15	0	0	5	84	0	600
Dennis, South,	Dea. William E. Baker,	70	35	75	14	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	46	0	800
" Union,	Nathan A. Howes,	60	32	40	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	700
Dighton, North,	Joseph E. Sears,	72	56	38	24	67	0	0	0	35	10	12	143	267	0	825
Douglas,	Mrs. Lucy A. Peffers,	55	38	50	50	25	10	0	34	17	2	6	24	118	0	225
" East,	Aaron F. Jones,	100	80	100	84	109	6	4	49	32	15	5	19	239	0	1,425
Dover,	George L. Howe,	58	35	44	46	12	0	5	10	2	0	0	9	38	0	591
Dracut, 1st,	Charles L. Hodge,	113	69	90	50	3	6	3	6	30	7	0	15	70	0	927
" Central,	Calvin Richardson,	146	106	63	0	20	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	37	0	798
Dudley,	Dea. David A. Bisco,	151	81	68	86	20	0	0	0	4	0	0	5	29	0	1,010
Dunstable,	George A. Glover,	110	58	50	40	93	10	16	40	51	8	0	57	275	0	1,870
Duxbury,	Sarah B. Higgins,	96	44	44	20	15	0	0	43	0	2	0	10	70	0	1,100
E. Bridgewater,	Charles W. Leach, Matfield,	75	55	70	52	34	5	5	33	0	7	4	7	95	0	1,450
Easthampton, 1st,	William C. Smith,	316	160	200	97	209	79	79	230	250	20	0	91	958	0	4,088
" Payson,	William Gallagher,	295	174	350	93	531	83	10	940	72	39	22	48	1,745	100	4,437
Easton,	Dea. E. B. Hayward, *b*	m330	180	240	90	150	17	3	280	25	38	14	60	587	100	1,425

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Easton, *Swedish*, North,	1883	William Borg,	Emil Holmblad, *p.*	'84	'92	28	20	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	18
Edgartown,	1642	Theo. S. Winpenny,	Charles N. Gleason, *p.*	'87	'93	19	53	72	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
Egremont, South,	1816	Roscoe C. Taft,	Bruce W. Crowmiller.			26	63	89	21	2	2	4	2	4	0	6	2	1
Enfield,	1789	Henry E. Brown,				74	153	227	26	0	0	0	3	8	0	11	0	6
Erving,	1832	Rev. J. W. Brownville,	John W. Brownville, *p.*	'73	'92	21	40	61	14	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	0
Essex,	1683	Rufus Choate,	William J. Murphy,	'79	'96	32	99	131	19	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
Everett, 1st,	1848	Franklin Peirce,	Arthur B. Patten, *p.*	'94	'95	152	248	400		11	24	35	5	10	0	15	4	5
" Courtland st.,	1891	Geo. R. F. Nichols,	Richard H. McGown, *p.*	'82	'95	26	30	56	17	10	4	14	0	2	0	2	4	0
" Mystic Side,	1893	J. Edward Higgins,*a*	Albert Watson, *p. c.*	'71	'93	44	81	125	5	4	7	11	2	2	0	4	2	5
Fairhaven,	1794	Tucker Damon,	Dorrall Lee, *p.*	'74	'93	51	100	131	12	4	0	4	3	0	0	3	0	4
Fall River, 1st,	1816		William W. Adams, *p. c.*	'60	'63	55	185	240	25	6	7	13	4	6	1	11	3	1
" Central,	1842	James W. Brigham,	Wm. Walker Jubb, *p. c. b*	'64	'91	186	353	539	75	5	6	11	4	5	0	9	1	44
" Fowler,	1874	Walter E. Tripp,	Payson W. Lyman, *p. c.*	'71	'88	17	69	86	16	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	0	0
" *French*,	1886	Isaiah Lord,	Joseph Allard, *p. c.*	'82	'86	40	43	83	11	10	1	11	1	3	0	4	10	7
" Broadway,	1894	Holden Baldwin,				18	60	78	11	31	4	35	0	2	0	2	8	2
Falmouth, 1st,	1708	Dea. George E. Clarke,	Chas. H. Washburn, *p. c.*	'85	'90	41	107	148	36	2	2	4	3	1	0	4	2	4
" East,	1821	Dea. Wm.W. Eldridge,	Henry K. Craig, *p.*	'55	'93	9	28	37	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" North,	1833	Dea. Jas. M. Witherell,	Ezra N. Smith, *p.*	'72	'90	18	43	61	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
" Waquoit,	1849	John B. Fisher,	Henry K. Craig, *p.*	'55	'93	17	37	54	11	0	0	0	2	2	4	8	0	0
" Woods Holl,	1880	Mrs. J. W. Bowles,	George S. Dodge, *p.*	'93	'93	10	18	28	5	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	3
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	1768		George R. Hewitt, *p.*	'86	'94	152	285	437		9	6	15	9	10	0	19	3	4
" Rollstone,	1868	Frank C. Hoyt,				178	366	544	80	2	12	14	11	6	0	17	1	9
" *German*,	1889	Christian Moeckel,	S. Herman Schwab, *p.*	'89	'88	16	55	71	10	7	2	9	0	1	1	2	1	5
" *Swedish*,	1892	Knut Mosesom,	Carl W. Holm, *p. c.*	'85	'94	39	52	91	3	13	11	24	1	3	6	10	0	9
Foxboro',	1779	Dea. Horace Carpenter,	James W. Flagg, *p.*	'82	'93	63	179	242	55	4	2	6	6	3	1	10	0	1
Framingham,	1701	Rev. L. R. Eastman,	Lucius R. Eastman, *p. c.*	'62	'71	78	192	270	26	1	0	1	5	7	0	12	0	1
" Saxonville,	1833	Dea. J. B. Johnson,	George A. Brock, *p. c.*	'91	'91	38	114	152	37	6	7	13	8	0	0	8	2	6
" South,	1873	Fred L. Oakes,	Frederick E. Emrich, *p. c.*	'75	'89	125	251	376	49	30	16	46	5	16	1	22	16	8
Franklin, 1st,	1738	Dea. J. Herbert Baker,	Charles W. Longren, *p.*	'87	'94	93	207	300	62	12	8	20	0	14	0	14	2	2
" South,	1855	Mrs. A. L. Wadsworth,				5	11	16	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Freetown, Assonet,	1807	Gilbert M. Nichols,	Franklin K. Beem, *p.*	'95	'95	8	16	24	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Gardner,	1786	Dea.H.H. Smith, W.G.	Frank E. Ramsdell, *p. c.*	'91	'91	125	248	373	50	47	20	67	7	6	6	19	35	6
Georgetown, 1st,	1732	Alice C. Noyes,	Henry R. McCartney, *p.c.*	'87	'91	27	96	123	25	1	1	2	7	1	14	22	0	0
" Memorial,	1864	Dea. Henry Hilliard,	C. Julian Tuthill, *p.*	'94	'95	37	84	121	23	0	1	1	0	5	0	5	0	1
Gill,	1796	Mrs. E. L. S. Moore,	Harry C. Adams, *p.*	'89	'94	10	23	33	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester, West,	1716	J. E. Roberts,	Temple Cutler, *p.*	'61	'95	19	28	47	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Trinity,	1829	John J. Pew,	Rufus P. Hibbard, *p. c.*	'68	'88	82	240	322	32	18	3	21	6	7	1	14	7	4
" Lanesville,	1830	Francis Reid,	Frank H. Reed, *p. c.*	'86	'86	37	82	119	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
" Magnolia,	1887	George A. Upton,	James E. Enman, *p. c.*	'95	'95	10	16	26	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Goshen,	1780	C. N. Shaw, Swift River,	John E. Bowman, *p.*	'95	'96	23	36	59	12	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0

a Malden. *b* Edwin A. Buck, asst. pastor, '54, '67. Feeding Hills, *see* Agawam. Florence, *see* Northampton. Gilbertville, *see* Hardwick.

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Easton *S.*, North,	William Borg,	85	65	50	0	14	0	3	15	0	0	0	2	34	0	555
Edgartown,	Mrs. H. R. F. Shepard,	60	38	50	36	42	0	0	19	0	6	0	125	192	0	750
Egremont, South,	C. G. Dalzell,	93	61	55		18	7	10	7	12	9	0	20	83	4,000	1,277
Enfield,	R. Lewis Thayer, **Smith's**,	243	117	150	35	118	23	23	185	95	0	83	251	778	0	1,736
Erving,	William W. Brown,	125	67	106	53	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	13	24	0	610
Essex,	David L. Haskell,	173	91	138	32	18	0	0	87	23	21	0	163	312	0	1,800
Everett, 1st,	George S. Marshall,	773	370	475	125	270	79	20	54	67	0	6	41	537	0	6,350
" Courtland st.	John M. Finch,	140	85	130	46	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
" Mystic Side,	Herbert Porter,*b*	365	187	185	87	97	10	19	29	15	10	7	13	200	0	3,107
Fairhaven,	Robert W. Taber,	174	113	145	72	115	0	0	83	0	0	0	117	315	0	2,360
Fall River, 1st,	J. Frank Allen,	295	174	180	106	983	1,671	56	4,723	90	35	0	2,487	10,045	0	7,290
" Cen'l,	Clinton V. S. Remington,*d*	790	592	450	157	1,632	0	91	3,046	665	70	0	80	5,584	0	10,000
" Fowler,	Dea. Thomas Chew,	135		75	30	56	10	0	39	37	25	0	20	187	0	1,515
" *French*,	Isaiah Lord,	80	75	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
" Broadway,	John B. Brayton,	200	125	130	70	0	5	0	0	0	4	0	20	29	0	1,500
Falmouth, 1st,	Seba A. Holton,	90	58	135	35	131	17	6	154	26	17	6	51	408	0	1,650
" East,	Dea. W. W. Eldridge,	28	14	16	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400
" North,	Dea. Silas Hatch,	46	32	30	15	82	0	6	37	4	0	0	16	5	0	600
" Waquoit,	Dea. Alexander Crocker,	18	12	39	0	21	0	0	10	0	4	0	0	35	0	435
" Woods Holl,	John W. Bowles,	61	39	25	86	5	0	0	17	0	0	0	25	47	0	500
Fitchburg, Calv.	George A. Hitchcock,	307	170	300	110	96	76	26	463	102	85	20	386	1,254	0	5,000
" Rollstone,	Charles A. Tilton,	552	290	400	174	299	50	137	383	102	33	41	226	1,271	500	6,375
" *German*,	Rev. S. Herman Schwab,	125	80	70	29	0	6	0	20	0	0	0	15	41	0	550
" *Swedish*,	John P. Ohlson,	85	75		87	0	8	0	12	5	0	0	13	38	0	10,076
Foxboro',	Benjamin F. Boyden, 2d,	295	163	204	59	326	25	29	134	60	22	7	176	779	0	2,320
Framingham,	George E. Fay,	150	73	140	69	577	7	41	956	370	14	0	81	2,046	500	2,986
" Saxonville,	Arthur C. Winch,	131	93	130	44	48	5	10	77	11	3	43	168	365	0	1,700
" South,	John C. Freese,	424	248	300	161	1,110	98	221	1,108	422	67	0	1,407	4,433	0	6,361
Franklin, 1st,	John W. Richardson,	266	149	200	102	119	11	14	79	19	6	0	0	248	0	23,030
" South,	Mrs. A. L. Wadsworth,	10	10	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	175
Freetown, Ass't,		0	0	17	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	264
Gardner,	C. C. Rathburn,	400	210	375	179	127	90	62	279	45	13	0	501	1,117	0	15,000
Georgetown, 1st,	Edwin S. Daniels,	125	80	150	39	42	24	5	100	31	6	0	0	208	0	2,300
" Memorial,	Lewis H. Giles,	142	68	117	0	75	71	0	102	26	5	0	83	362	5,475	1,651
Gill,	Henry. J. Moore,	40		14	28	0	2	0	7	106	0	0	0	115	0	360
Gloucester, West	John R. Cook,	60	29	50	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	6	14	0	625
" Trinity,	John Cunningham,	525	341	580	82	289	71	139	577	122	50	45	1,105	2,398	100	5,602
" Lanesville,	Joseph H. Andrews,	136	96	120	112	10	0	10	20	0	0	0	53	93	0	1,050
" Magnolia,	Robert W. Boyd,	58	28	50	25	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	23	35	0	883
Goshen,	Edward C. Packard,	58	35	30	24	6	0	0	37	45	0	0	0	88	0	850

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Grafton,	1731		Benjamin A. Robie, *p.*	'66	'84	44	148	192	25	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
Grafton, Saundersville,	1860	William E. Fowler,	David Howie, *p.*	'89	'93	33	65	98	31	16	11	27	2	4	3	9	6	2
Granby,	1762	Arthur W. Fiske,	Robert C. Bell, *p.*	'69	'92	77	134	211	31	2	8	10	2	2	6	10	0	0
Granville, East,	1747	Mrs. J. W. Johnson,	George A. Beckwith, *p.*	'62	'94	15	35	50	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" West,	1781	Rev. S. B. Andrews,	Samuel B. Andrews, *p.*	'68	'96	24	37	61	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Great Barrington,	1743	Joseph W. Curtis,	Leon D. Bliss,	'89	'96	104	171	275	55	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	3
" Housatonic,	1841	Thomas E. Brown,	Arthur J. Benedict, *p.*	'75	'92	55	124	179	27	9	3	12	6	4	0	10	3	6
Greenfield, 1st,	1754	Chas. W. Dinsmore,	Carey H. Watson, *p.*	'91	'90	29	51	80	18	6	1	7	4	1	0	5	5	1
" 2d,	1817	Solon L. Newton,	G. Glenn Atkins, *p.*	'95	'94	92	208	300	45	8	21	29	6	11	0	17	4	3
Greenwich,	1749	W. H. Glazier,	Lawrence Perry, *p.*	'94	'94	26	77	103	21	1	5	6	6	4	10	20	0	0
Groton,	1664	Dea. D. P. Keyes,	Louis B. Voorhees, *p. c.*	'71	'93	57	131	188	40	2	4	6	7	0	0	7	2	0
Groveland,	1727	Dea. Wm. B. Ladd,	Louis F. Berry, *p.*	'94	'94	25	78	103	14	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	2	0
Hadley, 1st,	1659	Martin S. Pierce,	Edward E. Keedy, *p.*	'94	'94	62	114	176	37	2	2	4	2	1	5	8	2	2
" 2d, North,	1831		John W. Lane, *p. c.*	'60	'77	57	81	138	44	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0
Halifax,	1734	H. D. Packard,	Louis Ellms, *p. c.*	'89	'92	14	38	52	12	2	4	6	0	1	0	1	0	0
Hamilton,	1714	Joseph P. Lovering,	Jesse G. Nichols, *p. c.*	'94	'94	32	64	96	33	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	0
Hampden,	1785	Dea. Geo. B. Newell,	George W. Solley, *p.*	'95	'94	24	47	71	16	2	2	4	4	1	0	5	0	1
Hanover, West,	1728	Francis B. Ellis,	Edward Disbrow,	'92	'95	14	45	59	10	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0
" Four Corners,	1854	Henry B. Barstow,	John Wild, *p. c.*	'92	'92	13	28	41	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanson,	1748	Eliza F. Thomas,	Charles S. Bates,	'90	'97	10	31	41	4	0	1	1	3	1	4	8	0	0
Hardwick,	1736	Rev. Harlan Page,	Harlan Page, *p.*	'83	'91	11	33	44	1	2	2	4	3	1	0	4	0	0
" Gilbertville,	1867	Alfred H. Richardson,	Dwight C. Stone, *p. c.*	'88	'95	49	79	128	42	3	4	7	3	6	0	9	2	1
Harvard,	1821	Dea. J. W. Bacon, Ayer	Charles C. Torrey, *p.*	'55	'86	27	49	76	13	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0
Harwich,	1747	Dea. W. H. Underwood,				6	26	32	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
" Port,	1855	Miss Jennie Doane,	Henry P. Cutting, *p.*	'45	'95	6	34	40	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0
Hatfield,	1671	James Porter,	Robert M. Woods, *p. c.*	'77	'76	102	184	286	37	9	3	12	5	3	1	9	5	5
Haverhill, West,	1735	Edward Webster,	John N. Lowell, *p. c.*	'77	'80	59	86	145	36	3	0	3	2	8	0	10	1	1
" 4th,	1744	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	7	16	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Centre,	1833	Charles N. Dyer,	Calvin M. Clark, *p. c.*	'90	'93	117	311	428	40	7	6	13	9	7	3	19	5	6
" North,	1859	George C. Howe,	George H. Reed, *p. c.*	'87	'91	132	378	510		9	9	18	3	6	0	9	9	3
" Riverside,	1884	Arthur T. Brown,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	20	56	76	7	8	5	13	0	2	1	3	8	0
" Union,	1891	Dea. Samuel Driver,	George Benedict, *p. c.*	'83	'92	25	64	89	4	4	5	9	0	6	0	6	3	0
" St. John's, *French*,	'93	Edward Thain,	Samuel P. Rondeau, *p.*	'92	'95	12	9	21	3	2	5	7	0	2	0	2	1	0
Hawley,	1778	Mrs. F. S. Bissell,	John A. Pogue, *p.*	'96	'95	24	35	59	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
" West,	1825	Willis Vincent,	Thomas S. Robie,	'59	'96	24	33	57	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
Hingham,	1847	Mrs. Wm. A. Vining,	Wm. Eugene Cadmus, *p. c.*	'94	'94	38	65	103	7	9	5	14	3	0	0	3	5	8
" Bethany, Nantasket,	1891	Miss N. A. Richardson,	Cecil Harper, *p.*	'79	'92	6	15	21	2	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hinsdale,	1795	James Hosmer,	James H. Laird, *p. c.*	'64	'83	76	136	212	47	4	2	6	3	2	0	5	2	3
Holbrook,	1856	Seth C. Sawyer,	Warren F. Low, *p. c.*	'94	'94	77	184	261	42	0	2	2	4	2	0	6	0	3
Holden,	1742	Miss Nancy Perry,	Thomas E. Babb, *p.*	'69	'92	41	77	118	36	0	5	6	3	3	0	6	1	0

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Grafton,	William Loynd,	155	88	104	78	315	20	0	247	38	0	0	221	841	0	
Grafton, S'ville,	William E. Fowler,	144	94	106	84	5	0	5	5	0	5	0	10	30	0	9,004
Granby,	Adelbert L. Blackmer,	125	91	98	93	154	79	12	362	58	85	5	33	788	0	1,398
Granville, East,	E. D. Dickinson,	47	25	43	16	37	6	5	20	11	3	0	5	87	0	782
" West,	Frank L. Ives,	25	18	28	29	1	0	0	7	0	1	0	10	19	0	275
Great Barrington	Edward J. Van Lennep,	229	143	175	120	69	28	0	93	22	15	35	290	552	0	3,886
" Housatonic,	Thomas E. Brown,	200	150	125	50	423	65	20	134	90	47	9	150	938	0	2,100
Greenfield, 1st,	Charles W. Diusmore,	98	48	75	36	43	0	17	15	0	10	0	8	93	10,093	760
" 2d,	Dea. F. A. Rugg,	263	213	400	120	307	64	43	98	83	64	30	282	971	0	4,737
Greenwich.																
Groton,	Grant W. Shattuck,	124	65	125	29	328	14	47	403	284	47	0	171	1,294	0	1,710
Groveland,	Harry G. Parker,	120	86	250	28	52	13	11	44	21	13	0	32	186	100	
Hadley, 1st,	Martin S. Pierce,	149	78	98	73	190	4	2	195	24	1	1	9	426	0	1,263
" 2d, North,	John W. Clark,	99	61	71	40	21	0	0	0	19	0	0	25	65	0	981
Halifax,	James T. Thomas,	52	28	70	43	17	2	2	8	3	0	2	0	34	0	500
Hamilton,	Jos. P. Lovering,	95	50	150	40	29	0	0	28	0	10	0	42	109	0	900
Hampden,	Alonzo B. Newell,	44	30	53	17	45	0	0	3	0	2	0	30	80	1,000	1,182
Hanover, West,	James Richmond,	85	50	65	35										0	675
" Four Corners,	Isaiah Hatch,	62	36	50	28	31	4	3	5	4	7	2	14	70	0	700
Hanson,	Malinda A. Carr,	65	30	100	44	35	3	0	8	0	7	3	11	67	0	750
Hardwick,	Frank W. Kimball,	42	28	85	29	4	0	0	11	0	0	0	5	20	0	1,100
" Gilbertville,	Elmer M. Marsh,	245	210	148	73	276	60	70	313	88	28	0	0	835	0	2,122
Harvard,	Dea. J. W. Bacon, Ayer,	100	57	50	51	89	4	8	13	10	17	0	154	295	0	1,000
Harwich,	Rev. A. J. Haynes,	85	50	65	45	33	0	0	56	0	0	0	16	105	0	1,010
" Port,	Rev. H. P. Cutting,	60	50	40	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	1,000
Hatfield,	Howard W. Dickenson,	182	125	140	105	395	38	53	280	180	20	65	242	1,273	0	2,103
Haverhill, West,	Dea. F. A. Russell,	154	83	100	68	66	20	20	114	71	43	3	50	387	0	1,385
" 4th,	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	29	17	41	0	20	30	10	25	33	8	0	550	676	0	437
" Centre,	Hazen M. Chase,	450	230	400	220	217	40	67	576	92	37	0	148	1,177	0	6,000
" North,	Dea. Leonard W. Smith,	426	206	560	136	670	0	50	1,014	118	0	0	1,167	3,019	500	8,425
" Riverside,	Dea. A. W. Brown,	262	124	215	81	15	0	4	15	123	30	0	23	210	0	1,070
" Union,	Dea. Perley A. Stone,	275	144	200	113	46	4	0	13	11	0	0	36	110	1,000	2,476
" St. John's, *Fr.*	Rev. S. P. Rondeau,	17	15	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Hawley,	Enos Harmon,	55	38	40	20	42	0	0	14	4	4	0	38	102	0	468
" West,	Clarence C. Fuller,	50	35	35	32	15	9	0	19	0	4	0	10	57	0	450
Hingham,	Dea. George E. Kimball,	135	72	84	133	84	9	0	16	0	0	0	0	109	0	2,096
" Bethany,	Herbert O. Beale,	40	30	40	36	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	10	0	726
Hinsdale,	Azariah S. Storm,	220	123	110	111	263	0	28	479	49	49	10	117	995	0	2,286
Holbrook,	Leonard Belcher,	262	130	225	70	443	173	124	305	180	52	3	29	1,309	0	2,656
Holden,	Frank J. Knowlton,	139	58	130	44	54	6	0	16	19	11	0	35	141	0	1,365

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Holland,	1765	Mrs. W. L. Webber,	Josiah G. Willis,	'76	'96	8	25	33	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Holliston,	1728	Dea. Wm. Daniels,	Nicholas Van der Pyl, *p. c.*	'93	'95	80	198	278	57	11	7	18	7	10	1	18	9	0
Holyoke, 1st,	1799	John K. Judd,	George W. Winch, *p. c.*	'75	'88	83	152	235	10	2	10	12	4	2	1	7	0	2
" 2d,	1849	Jeremiah N. Hubbard,	Edward A. Reed, *p. c.*	'71	'86	238	628	916	101	36	32	68	12	27	1	40	7	21
" *French,*	1886	George C. Roberts,	Charles H. Vessot, *p.*	'92	'93	11	12	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Hopkinton,	1724	Dea. J. C. Adams,	Theodore J. Holmes, *p. c.*	'59	'93	83	158	241	76	3	2	5	6	13	0	19	3	1
Hubbardston,	1770	Willis L. Lovewell,	[Henry H. Burdon, *Lic.*]		'95	20	42	62	22	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0
Hudson,	1889	William E. Tarbell,	Almon J. Rackliffe, *p.*	'82	'94	25	52	77	11	4	11	15	2	4	0	6	1	2
Huntington, 1st, Norwich,	1778	Dea. C. H. Kirkland,	Wilbur Rand, *p.*	'83	'95	27	44	71	6	3	5	8	1	1	2	4	3	0
" 2d,	1846	C. W. Jones,	Webster L. Hendrick,	'89	'94	43	90	133	33	0	4	4	0	4	0	4	0	0
Hyde Park,	1863	Edw. S. Hathaway,	Andrew W. Archibald, *p. c.*	'76	'92	230	463	693	99	31	26	57	10	15	1	26	12	11
" Clarendon Hills,	1880	George Jeffers,	Albion H. Johnson, *p.*	'64	'82	25	39	64	7	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	13
Ipswich, 1st,	1634	Dea. Z. Cushing,	Edward Constant, *p.*	'83	'92	29	114	143	17	3	4	7	2	3	1	6	0	0
" South,	1747	Joseph I. Horton,	T. Frank Waters, *p. c.*	'76	'79	29	129	158	24	8	0	8	2	2	0	4	8	2
" Linebrook,	1749	Dea. J. H. Tenney,	William P. Alcott, *p. c.*	'68	'86	24	26	50	9	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	1
Kingston,	1828	Eliza R. Le Porte,	Zenas Crowell, *p. c.*	'77	'86	19	59	78	23	0	0	0	1	6	2	9	0	0
Lakeville,	1725	Dea. Charles F. Paull,	[George W. Ellison, *Bapt.*]	'86	'95	41	33	74	18	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	0
" Union Grove,	1877	Mary L. Tobey,	Leslie B. Withee,	'89	'96	1	8	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancaster,	1839	Horatio Bailey,	Charles S. Haynes, *p. c.*	'94	'96	45	69	114	28	1	0	1	5	2	0	7	0	1
Lanesboro',	1764	Dea. Wm. A. Fuller,				3	9	12	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	0
Lawrence, Lawrence st.,	1847	Albert I. Couch,	William E. Wolcott, *p. c.*	'81	'85	132	296	428	90	10	12	22	7	5	0	12	6	8
" South,	1868	John H. Gilman,	Edward A. Chase, *p. c.*	'84	'89	53	113	166	26	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	1	0
" Riverside,	1878	John W. Mozeen,	Henry E. Oxnard, *p. c.*	'94	'96	27	81	108	11	10	3	13	0	9	0	9	0	8
" Trinity,	1883	Edwin Fletcher,	Frederic H. Page, *p. c.*	'93	'96	113	287	400	60	8	4	12	6	2	26	34	3	5
" United,	1886	Christopher Warburton	[James M. Blue.]			30	31	61	9	9	7	16	0	2	0	2	2	2
Lee,	1780	Charles H. Sabine,	Lyman S. Rowland, *p. c.*	'64	'77	157	291	448	95	8	0	8	10	15	0	15	2	4
Leicester,	1719	J. C. Watson,	David C. Reed, *p. c.*	'84	'94	80	131	211	47	16	5	21	8	1	0	9	13	0
Lenox,	1769	Dea. Henry Sedgwick,	Edward Day, *p. c.*	'86	'90	59	94	153	25	6	4	10	2	2	0	4	3	2
Leominster,	1822	Dea. C. E. Woodward,	George R. W. Scott, *p.*	'68	'93	149	301	450	54	27	17	44	6	14	0	20	18	2
" North,	1874	Mrs. Emma G. Hall,	James M. Bell, *p.*	'58	'93	20	48	68	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
Leverett,	1774	Cephas F. Frary,	George E. Fisher, *p.*	'50	'86	64	68	132	38	0	3	3	2	2	0	4	0	0
Lexington,	1868	Edmund C. Whitney,	Charles F. Carter, *p. c.*	'83	'95	68	127	195	37	1	5	6	0	2	0	2	0	5
Lincoln,	1747	George L. Chapin,	Edward E. Bradley, *p. c.*	'93	'93	31	53	84	24	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3
Littleton,	1840		Amelia A. Frost, *p. c.*	'94	'94	34	67	101	19	1	2	3	3	3	0	6	0	0
Longmeadow,	1716	Edward P. Tabor,	Stephen G. Barnes, *p. c.*	'81	'91	46	118	164	21	9	6	15	3	7	0	10	4	1
" East,	1829	Arthur G. Crane,				37	65	102	27	0	1	1	5	6	0	11	0	4
Lowell, Pawtucket,	1797	John J. Colton,	Willis D. Leland, *p. c.*	'80	'93	45	103	148	18	14	5	19	2	0	0	2	10	1
" 1st,	1826	Harry P. Graves,				233	672	905	200	74	14	88	11	21	40	72	42	13
" Eliot,	1830	Edwin S. Bigelow,	John M. Greene, *p. c.*	'57	'70	165	257	422	46	32	10	42	10	6	0	16	12	4
" John st.,	1839	Wm. H. G. Wight,	George H. Johnson, *p. c.*	'77	'92	65	158	223	25	11	4	15	4	6	0	10	8	3

Housatonic, *see* Great Barrington. Hyannis, *see* Barnstable.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Holland,	G. L. Webber,	26	18	18	0	0	0	0	20	0	4	0	0	24	0	225
Holliston,	George H. B. Leland,	249	148	200	77	149	0	0	192	0	0	0	67	408	0	2,879
Holyoke, 1st,	Roland T. Oakes,	443	242	300	130	344	228	25	244	144	68	25	1,000	2,078	0	6,000
" 2d,	Arthur J. Newell,	953	553	535	79	1,643	193	90	3,853	276	45	94	41,660	47,854	0	12,219
" *French*,	Rev. C. H. Vessot,	25	13	26	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	25	32	0	19
Hopkinton,	Albert J. Brewer,	194	130	150	77	170	25	66	170	80	24	47	3,450	4,032	0	2,500
Hubbardston,	Willis L. Lovewell,	65	34	45	20	5	5	3	10	10	0	0	0	33	0	280
Hudson,	Milton T. Bailey,	174	100	86	53	8	0	0	31	0	0	0	9	48	0	1,391
Huntington, 1st,	James B. Lyman,	70	44	40	24	5	0	0	3	27	2	0	0	37	0	630
" 2d,	H. W. Munson,	87	66	80	55	58	0	2	20	20	0	0	10	110	0	1,024
Hyde Park,	Dr. Joseph K. Knight,	743	456	550	204	1,042	161	173	1,138	304	86	112	3,554	6,570	0	7,526
" Cl. Hills,	Henry L. Johnson,	187	115	125	75	10	7	0	0	10	0	0	0	27	0	
Ipswich, 1st,	Rev. E. Constant,	130	84	150	60	184	23	10	106	56	6	0	80	465	1,500	1,992
" South,	Frank T. Goodhue,	188	98		69	149	39	35	157	120	28	10	97	635	0	1,824
" Linebrook,	Albert F. Tenney,	45	32	35	20	51	4	0	26	16	0	0	0	97	0	680
Kingston,	Fannie B. McLauthlin,	100	50	77	35	78	15	20	43	15	17	5	65	258	0	1,800
Lakeville,	Thomas P. Paull,	76	50		18	99	0	0	74	8	10	0	37	228	0	1,000
" Un. Grove,		0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lancaster,	William E. Sargent,	60	42	80	18	156	23	14	108	112	23	0	183	619	0	1,247
Lanesboro',	William S. Royce,	45	30	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	404
Lawrence, L'e st.	John Wilkinson,	370	215	350	153	327	67	68	1,500	195	75	3	37	2,272	0	5,000
" South,	William Gilchrist,	260	148	153	54	48	13	0	0	6	0	0	0	67	0	1,461
" Riverside,	James Smurden,	195	114	44	80	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	20	0	905
" Trinity,	George L. Selden,	350	214	300	52	381	27	25	365	30	28	0	1,919	2,775	0	5,778
" United,	George W. Murray,	140	105	40	66	10	0	0	10	0	15	0	0	35	0	983
Lee,	Edward S. Rogers,	255	151	190	125	1,020	45	55	715	350	30	0	622	2,837	0	3,212
Leicester,	Corwin F. Palmer,	201	97	162	75	396	63	29	436	130	0	21	182	1,257	0	3,705
Lenox,	Henry Sedgwick,	126	84	90	52	141	56	10	171	21	11	0	76	486	0	3,345
Leominster,	Walter N. Howe,	405	280	275	190	589	0	139	635	45	11	0	391	1,813	0	4,812
" North,	Emory F. Burrage,	143	71	75	33	25	15	0	77	108	0	10	19	254	0	1,600
Leverett,	C. Hall Beaman,	112	73	80	32	21	0	0	23	35	0	0	54	133	0	1,071
Lexington,	Frederic L. Emery,	160	111	130	75	290	0	56	357	0	44	0	34	781	0	4,416
Lincoln,	George L. Chapin,	70	45	80	32	356	0	0	173	11	11	0	9	560	0	1,500
Littleton,	Augustus P. Gardner,	85	55	50	80	140	7	6	28	40	8	8	370	607	0	1,200
Longmeadow,	Frank B. Allen,	165	87	100	53	570	56	38	355	77	32	20	372	1,520	0	1,864
" East,	Dea. F. C. Davis,	125	77	64	31	46	13	20	24	10	16	2	13	144	0	941
Lowell, Pt.,	Charles F. Miles,	242	144	150	116	66	15	34	175	46	17	0	160	513	0	2,610
" 1st,	Justin H. Kimball,	765	484	400	235	345	30	29	994	167	31	0	744	2,340	0	6,799
" Eliot,	Charles F. Flemings,	492	258	315	127	269	17	15	393	58	34	0	1,624	2,410	0	5,874
" John st.,	William A. Hayward,	197	128	200	60	79	0	0	194	72	0	0	123	468	0	3,579

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Lowell, Kirk st.,	1845	A. L. Thompson,	William A. Bartlett, *p. e.*,	'86	'96	133	339	472	150	10	0	10	15	13	0	28	7	4
" High st.,	1846	Francis N. Chase,	Chas. W. Huntington, *p. c.*	'81	'88	66	170	236	41	7	8	15	5	8	0	13	2	1
" *French*,	1877	Auguste Gardelle,	Thomas G. A. Coté, *p.*	'71	'95	41	46	87	6	30	6	36	2	10	0	12	25	6
" Highland,	1884	Willard Everett,	Charles L. Merriam, *p. c.*	'82	'92	89	218	307	27	23	7	30	4	4	0	8	0	10
" *Swed.*,	1885	Alfred Swanson,	Felix G. Brandt, *p. c.*	'95	'94	25	49	74		2	15	17	1	9	4	14	0	3
Ludlow, Centre,	1789	Rev. E. D. Francis,	Everett D. Francis, *p. c.*	'95	'95	45	80	125	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	4
" Union,	1867	Albert A. Gove,	Abram J. Quick, *p. c.*	'64	'91	31	81	112	10	7	0	7	2	1	4	7	0	7
Lunenburg,	1835	Edmund S. Francis,				28	64	92	26	1	0	1	4	3	0	7	1	0
Lynn, 1st,	1632	Guilford S. Newhall,	William C. Merrill,	'84	'96	83	203	286	59	6	4	10	2	6	9	17	3	0
" Central,	1850	Edward A. Perkins,	Albert W. Moore, *p. c.*	'73	'82	104	237	341	74	11	13	24	9	3	4	16	8	0
" Chestnut st.,	1860	George E. Sargent,	George W. Osgood, *p.*	'78	'94	39	131	170	51	17	7	24	3	0	0	3	12	5
" North,	1869	Miss Addie J. Hale,	Willis A. Hadley, *p. c.*	'78	'93	70	178	248	66	3	5	8	5	7	0	12	1	5
" *Swed.*,	1888	Axel R. Bolinder,	John A. Johnson, *p.*	'92	'88	27	49	76	6	11	5	16	0	2	0	2	0	7
Lynnfield, Centre,	1720	Lyman B. Smith,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'95	21	49	70	19	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
" 2d,	1854		George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'95	3	27	30	8	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	0
Malden,	1648	Frederic I. Winslow,	Henry H. French, *p. c.*	'81	'94	214	410	624	72	17	30	47	10	15	4	29	8	11
" Maplewood,	1874	J. Herbert Bunce,	Walter A. Evans, *p.*	'86	'94	49	108	157	19	30	22	52	1	3	0	4	13	5
" Linden,	1876	Chas. W. Peckham,	J. Chris. Williams, *p.*	'90	'95	20	54	74	10	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	1	0
Manchester,	1716	George F. Allen,	Francis A. Fate, *p. c.*	'94	'94	27	99	126	20	7	2	9	4	2	6	12	6	0
Mansfield,	1838	Rev. Jacob Ide,	Jacob Ide, *p. c.*	'56	'56	86	182	268	40	2	3	5	2	3	0	5	1	3
Marblehead,	1684	Daniel Appleton,	S. Linton Bell, *p. c.*	'77	'84	49	188	237	29	2	2	4	3	1	0	4	2	5
Marion,	1703	Rev. H. L. Brickett,	Harry L. Brickett, *p. c.*	'83	'94	21	60	81	17	0	1	1	3	3	0	6	0	0
Marlboro',	1666	George H. Cuthbert,	Lincoln B. Goodrich, *p. c.*	'93	'96	113	250	363	37	17	4	21	9	11	1	21	9	1
" *French*,	1891	Rev. J. L. Loisille,	Joseph L. Loisille, *p. c.*	'95	'95	10	14	24	3	8	0	8	0	5	3	8	3	5
Marshfield, 1st,	1632	John H. Bourne,	{ Ebenezer Alden, *p. c. em.* { Fred'ic W. Manning, *p. c.*	'43 '91	'50 '91	33	57	90	16	1	0	1	3	3	0	6	0	0
" Hills,	1835	Israel H. Hatch,				12	32	44	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Mattapoisett,	1736	L. L. B. Dexter,				17	67	84	23	3	5	8	4	2	5	11	2	0
Maynard,	1852	John W. Flood,	Merrill Blanchard, *p.*	'81	'91	57	155	212	61	2	5	7	3	3	0	6	1	4
Medfield,	1828	Dea. F. S. Wight,	Nathan T. Dyer, *p.*	'78	'90	32	100	132	45	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	1
Medford, Mystic,	1847	Nathaniel A. Dyer,	John Barstow, *p. c.*	'87	'94	124	280	404	59	17	22	39	11	5	0	16	8	3
" West,	1872	Henry Newcomb,	Judson V. Clancy, *p. c.*	'87	'96	66	154	220	46	14	14	28	4	9	0	13	6	3
" Union,	1887	James Donovan,	Isaac Pierson, *p.*	'70	'95	13	28	41	6	1	1	2	1	5	0	6	0	0
Medway, West,	1750	E. S. Wilmarth,	John F. Crosby, *p.*	'92	'94	49	110	159	18	0	7	7	4	5	5	14	0	3
" Village,	1838	Rev. R. K. Harlow,	Rufus K. Harlow, *p. c.*	'68	'72	60	145	205		2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	3
" 3d, West,	1886	H. M. B. Fuller,				9	27	36	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Melrose,	1848	Isaac A. Cochran,				149	271	420	46	9	26	35	6	14	0	20	1	8
" Highlands,	1875	Dea. Fred'k A. Ellms,	Burke F. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'93	79	180	259	18	33	26	59	0	10	1	11	15	4
Merrimac,	1726	Richard A. Sargent,	George L. Todd, *p. c.*	'87	'93	133	238	371		21	4	25	5	0	0	5	12	3
Methuen,	1729	Chas. H. T. Mann,	Charles H. Oliphant, *p. c.*	'76	'84	86	184	270	40	3	11	14	5	3	0	8	2	0
Middleboro', 1st,	1694	A. H. Soule,	George W. Stearns, *p.*	'83	'91	58	102	160	23	3	3	6	5	0	0	5	2	1

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Lowell Kirk st.,	J. W. C. Pickering,	450	244	350	75	967	165	80	1,450	100	110	0	4,710	7,582	0	5,691
" High st.,	Francis N. Chase,	329	168	200	107	319	59	91	775	230	36	16	1,483	3,009	0	5,092
" *French*,		40	30	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	300	0	
" Highl'd,	Willard Everett,	485	257	350	140	150	8	10	350	200	38	0	0	756	0	5,737
" *Swed.*,	Edward Anderson,	52	40	22	33	0	0	36	9	0	4	0	47	96	0	715
Ludlow, Centre,	Frank E. Sikes,	152	81	70	20	202	0	0	50	55	11	0	8	326	0	1,011
" Union,	Mrs. L. E. Booth,	160	100	110	70	127	10	0	34	25	5	12	0	213	0	1,500
Lunenburg,	Dea. Charles G. Bigelow,	67	42	74	0	25	13	8	120	13	14	0	0	193	0	975
Lynn, 1st,	J. J. McKenzie,	403	188	150	115	53	30	28	62	29	16	0	152	370	0	4,514
" Central,	Henry P. Emerson,	570	270	190	190	221	51	40	1,138	75	15	5	1,276	2,821	0	6,300
" Chestnut st.,	J. Sidney Stone,	214	124	137	66	43	6	10	254	10	2	3	163	491	0	2,074
" North,	Arthur W. Webber,	232	152	150	110	58	8	0	169	0	0	0	64	299	200	3,700
" *Swed.*,	John A. Lindberg,	40	30	24	35	22	0	0	0	37	5	0	40	104	0	1,124
Lynnfield, Cen.,	Charles E. Pearson,	89	53	100	22	69	0	0	15	28	0	0	16	128	0	1,174
" 2d,		113	52	62	28	16	0	0	16	0	0	0	21	53	0	567
Malden,	Dea. Clarence O. Walker,	875	530	750	306	1,070	52	46	1,255	1,210	43	0	1,345	5,021	0	6,600
" Maplewood,	F. J. Smith,	309	183	175	75	90	0	0	19	0	0	4	323	436	0	2,642
" Linden,	Charles W. Peckham,	132	84	85	75	28	0	0	25	0	0	0	55	108	0	1,273
Manchester,	Oliver T. Roberts,	193	112	150	85	104	24	0	74	36	0	0	0	238	0	1,825
Mansfield,	David E. Hardon,	300	200	160	161	83	10	9	32	27	22	0	250	433	0	1,919
Marblehead,	John G. Broughton,	312	190	200	124	144	9	8	147	15	14	8	355	700	0	3,000
Marion,	Stephen D. Hadley,	84	70	110	40	55	44	2	122	68	49	12	142	494	0	2,242
Marlboro',	F. C. Curtis,	250	180	300	68	255	12	242	366	75	31	30	644	1,655	0	4,344
" *French*,	Rev. J. L. Loisille,	42	25	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	131
Marshfield, 1st,	J. Fletcher Barnes,	128	55	100	53	179	7	34	117	111	29	0	0	477	0	1,125
" Hills,	Agnes L. Sherman,	55	26	40	40	33	6	8	28	4	25	0	0	104	0	729
Mattapoisett,	Frank B. Tuttle,	75	50	110	50	15	11	9	14	11	13	16	15	104	0	1,150
Maynard,	W. H. Gutteridge,	255	190	200	90	120	219	200	351	25	50	0	42	1,007	0	1,959
Medfield,	Dea. Bennett Wilson,	78	47	108	54	16	7	5	231	16	25	0	0	300	0	1,325
Medford, Mystic,	Fred H. Kidder,	431	263	348	180	740	57	34	582	194	41	0	673	2,321	0	6,500
" West,	Henry M. Clapp,	351	205	200	168	148	9	23	259	34	14	0	25	512	0	3,158
" Union,	James Donovan,	95	55	60	50	0	0	1	0	1	8	0	31	41	0	437
Medway, West,	E. S. Wilmarth,	150	93	225	56	16	6	0	8	158	0	0	381	569	0	2,684
" Village,	Chas. R. Adams,	122	79	125	35	74	20	15	71	83	15	32	70	380	0	1,995
" 3d, West,		0	0		0	12	0	0	47	156	0	0	0	215	0	0
Melrose,	Don E. Curtis,	536	358	295	175	322	157	140	927	151	102	56	2,653	4,508	0	5,656
" Highlands,	William W. Mason,	436	223	250	90	61	15	0	0	111	5	17	310	519	0	3,778
Merrimac,	Edward F. Smart,	336	157	231	167	30	0	20	25	50	0	8	362	495	0	3,022
Methuen,	J. Frank Emerson,	242	138	175	50	389	18	38	265	71	38	12	143	974	0	3,220
Middleboro',	A. H. Soule,	198	147	130	51	40	7	11	43	24	16	7	63	211	0	1,219

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Middleboro', North,	1748	Percy W. Keith,	Herbert K. Job, *p. c.*	'91	'91	44	82	126	33	7	0	7	5	7	0	12	7	0
" Central,	1847	Henry W. Sears,	Rich'd G. Woodbridge, *p.c.*	'81	'93	100	232	332		20	7	27	7	10	10	27	13	6
Middlefield,	1783	Dea. J. McElwain,	Lucien C. Kimball, *p.*	'87	'92	30	54	84	20	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Middleton,	1729	George M. Derry,	Warren P. Landers, *p. c.*	'91	'91	35	74	109	15	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	0
Milford,	1741	Willard S. Wood,	Webster Woodbury, *p. c.*	'68	'88	67	212	279	55	1	13	14	5	5	4	14	1	0
Millbury,	1747	Henry L. Bancroft,	George A. Putnam, *p. c.*	'60	'71	42	147	189	46	3	2	5	4	4	0	8	0	2
" 2d,	1827	Ira N. Goddard,	George P. Eastman, *p. c.*	'91	'91	57	155	212	47	3	5	8	6	6	0	12	1	2
Millis,	1714	Dea. J. Warren Clarke,	Albert H. Wheelock, *p.*	'88	'93	31	78	109		0	2	2	5	2	0	7	0	6
Milton,	1678	Arthur H. Tucker, *a*	Henry S. Huntington, *p.*	'66	'88	31	55	86	13	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	2
" East,	1843	Frank Kemp,				6	19	25		0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	8
Monson,	1762	Mrs. C. C. Keep,	Franklin S. Hatch, *p. c.*	'76	'87	74	161	235	44	1	9	10	2	5	0	7	1	1
Montague,	1752	Sanford Marsh,	Martin L. Richardson, *p.*	'60	'91	42	93	135	20	1	4	5	4	3	0	7	0	0
" Miller's Falls,	1872	Mrs. Mary A. King,	Dorr A. Hudson, *p.*	'91	'93	13	41	54	10	6	0	6	1	2	0	3	5	0
" Turner's Falls,	1875	Frank N. Conant,	Harry C. Adams, *p. c.*	'89	'89	30	54	84	18	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	2
Monterey,	1750	Miss J. A. Townsend,	Irving A. Burnap, *p. c.*	'92	'92	36	68	104		0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
Mt. Washington,	1874	Dea. H. D. Lamson,				2	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nantucket,	1728	Miss Lydia M. Folger,	Myron S. Dudley, *p.*	'71	'89	12	115	127	24	0	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	0
Natick,	1802	George L. Bartlett,	Frederic E. Sturgis, *p. c.*	'68	'84	198	483	681	65	54	11	65	3	9	0	12	37	9
" South,	1859	Ada M. Caswell,	Willis E. Dudley, *p. c.*	'92	'94	42	23	65	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	3
Needham,	1857	Dea. A. B. Dresser,	Avery S. Walker, *p. c.*	'57	'95	47	106	153	29	12	22	34	2	5	0	7	1	11
New Bedford, Acushnet,	1696	Frederick B. Hawes,	George W. C. Hill, *p. c.*	'95	'95	17	37	54	12	2	2	4	4	2	0	6	2	0
" North,	1807	Rev. John C. Staples,	John A. MacColl, *p. c.*	'83	'90	137	380	517	49	18	6	24	14	10	0	24	6	4
" Trinitarian,	1831	James C. Briggs,	Matthew C. Julien, *p. c.*	'72	'72	57	161	218	31	6	4	10	2	0	1	3	0	2
New Braintree,	1754	Dea. George K. Tufts,	Francis H. Boynton,	'64	'96	17	39	56	19	0	4	4	1	2	0	3	0	1
Newbury,	1635	Dea. J. C. Rolfe,	Francis W. Sanborn, *p. c.*	'78	'84	36	104	140	20	0	1	1	5	1	0	6	0	0
" Byfield,	1706	J. N. Dummer,	David C. Torrey, *p. c.*	'92	'92	44	82	126	28	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	3
Newburyport, North,	1768	Joseph A. Little,	Charles P. Mills, *p. c.*	'80	'80	118	289	407	60	1	8	9	7	2	0	9	0	4
" Prospect st.,	1793	Charles R. Todd,	Myron O. Patton, *p. c.*	'94	'95	63	159	222	39	5	4	9	1	7	0	8	5	3
" Belleville,	1808	Charles A. Currier,	Daniel T. Fiske, *p. c.* Albert W. Hitchcock, *p.c.*	'47 '91	'47 '91	112	231	343	50	3	4	7	5	1	1	7	2	11
" Whitefield,	1850	Porter S. Shattuck,	John H. Reid, *p.*	'90	'92	60	156	216	36	10	7	17	1	2	0	3	7	1
New Marlboro', 1st,	1744	Rev. A. W. Field,	Aaron W. Field, *p.*	'72	'90	6	17	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	0
" Southfield,	1794	Dea. William Ellis,	Aaron W. Field, *p.*	'72	'94	12	25	37	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
" Mill River,	1871	Dea. E. W. Rhodes,	Albert J. Chittenden, *p.*	'62	'93	13	30	43	2	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
New Salem,	1845	E. E. Chamberlain,	Alfred V. House, *p.*	'94	'94	27	35	62	26	5	0	5	0	0	1	1	5	0
Newton Centre,	1664	T. Irving Crowell,	Dan'l L. Furber, *p.c. em.* Edward M. Noyes, *p.c.* Henry J. Patrick, *p.c. em.*	'47 '83 '54	'47 '94 '60	137	235	372	50	10	20	30	2	10	1	13	8	2
" 2d, West,	1781	Julius L. Clarke,	Theo. P. Prudden, *p. c.*	'74	'94	106	248	354	36	7	19	26	5	3	1	9	4	0
" Eliot,	1845	George Agry, jr.,	William H. Davis, *p. c.*	'77	'96	234	394	628	67	14	3	17	10	19	0	29	5	2
" Auburndale,	1850	Chas. H. Johnson,	Calvin Cutler, *p. c. em.* Chas. M. Southgate, *p. c.*	'62 '70	'67 '95	113	234	347	70	3	6	9	3	5	0	8	1	3
" North,	1866	Charles A. Worth,	Daniel Greene, *p. c.*	'79	'92	63	111	174	68	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	3	9

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Middleboro', No.	N. W. Keith,	105	55	80	72	45	30	23	170	45	0	0	10	323	0	1,765
" Central,	David S. Surrey,	298	210	350	90	361	5	46	268	64	5	12	115	876	0	5,291
Middlefield,	George G. Bell,	90	50	67	30	50	0	0	50	0	7	0	25	132	0	1,210
Middleton,	H. Erskine Howe,	145	70	80	88	54	2	3	48	7	9	0	0	123	0	1,190
Milford,	W. B. Whiting,	416	178	282	82	291	43	58	209	151	50	0	809	1,611	0	4,200
Millbury,	D. Edmund March,	137	99	112	58	228	27	28	77	115	149	1	128	753	0	2,267
" 2d,	C. F. Holman,	200	115	160	65	397	130	26	200	45	29	25	606	1,458	0	2,000
Millis,	Evan F. Richardson,	120	66	145	40	13	7	12	0	7	2	0	0	41	0	2,200
Milton,	H. B. Tucker, **Millington,**	122	69	105	50	176	56	0	62	82	7	0	26	409	0	1,900
" East,	Frank Kemp,	86	60	75	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	
Monson,	E. F. Morris,	265	150	200	113	615	100	51	662	255	36	13	46	1,778	0	3,800
Montague,	Q. F. Harrington,	121	87	125	49	56	27	7	57	11	15	0	15	188	0	1,155
" Miller's F'ls,	R. H. Read,	90		125	55	4	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	14	0	
" Turner's F'ls,	Elmer D. Severance,	157	104	100	44	43	28	11	23	26	8	0	38	177	0	1,950
Monterey,	J. L. Swing,	129	68	90	52	30	4	0	27	23	6	0	1	91	0	675
Mt. Washington,		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Nantucket,	Judith J. Fish,	140	65	180	33	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	18	26	0	1,855
Natick,	Frank Atkinson,	700	437	500	184	393	135	50	976	75	25	0	1,016	2,670	0	6,062
" South,	M. V. B. Bartlett,	68	43	47	40	16	0	2	16	0	0	0	15	49	0	1,082
Needham,	Joseph H. Adams,	148	81	103	58	67	0	0	0	15	0	0	24	106	0	2,666
New Bedford,	George W. C. Hill,	107	62	100	88	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	52	0	1,800
" North,	John Q. Ryder,	418	247	378	99	712	46	0	1,334	100	0	167	0	2,359	0	
" Trin.,	Frank E. Milliken,	300	250	300	50	226	28	0	1,135	27	32	41	1,394	2,883	240	6,195
New Braintree,	Dea. Horatio Moore,	58	25	67	32	25	0	0	85	0	8	0	6	124	500	800
Newbury,	William S. Humphreys,	174	105	190	72	50	15	30	340	51	33	0	122	641	0	2,526
" Byfield,	J. N. Dummer,	150	96	125	60	39	8	0	36	27	5	0	17	132	0	1,300
Newburyport, N.	John H. Balch, jr.,	266	166	280	109	11,137	30	34	154	87	46	16	1,118	12,622	0	3,000
" Prospect st.,	Charles H. Bliss,	175	85	150	42	227	10	5	158	56	7	0	239	702	0	2,250
" Belleville,	William C. Coffin,	500	265	440	130	531	67	250	644	66	30	0	250	1,838	0	3,250
" Whitefield,	Henry B. Packard,	160	85	145	140	160	20	0	160	0	15	0	350	705	0	2,750
New Marlboro',		0	0	25	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	0	240
" Southfield,	Charles E. Ellis,	30	30	20	25	5	0	0	0	9	8	0	65	87	0	450
" Mill River,	E. W. Rhodes,	48	30	75	40	29	4	0	6	15	8	22	0	84	0	600
New Salem,	Daniel Ballard,	52	31	85	16	10	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	43	0	425
Newton Centre,	Samuel Ward,	272	166	185	133	2,430	986	299	2,979	430	215	84	1,350	8,773	0	8,027
" 2d, West,	Henry B. Day,	287	210	233	106	876	0	74	2,003	190	40	0	2 242	5,425	0	16,152
" Eliot,	Dea. Charles E. Eddy,	303	243	286	125	8,741	651	416	8,791	666	175	196	3,017	2 2,53	5,000	13,446
" Auburndale,	Charles M. Carter,	226	172	152	90	2,315	233	209	582	1,382	70	66	200	5,057	0	9,578
" North,	Reuben Forknall,	210	140	82	46	27	0	0	4	4	4	0	39	78	0	1,800

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Newton **Newtonville,**	1868	Dea. Wm. F. Slocum,	John M. Dutton, *p. c.*	'76	'92	106	206	312	33	4	12	16	7	4	0	11	2	8
" **Highlands,**	1872	William B. Wood,	Charles E. Havens, *p. c.*	'81	'93	72	143	215	37	2	11	13	3	5	0	8	0	1
Norfolk,	1839	Rev. Edson J. Moore,	Edson J. Moore, *p.*	'61	'85	15	40	55	10	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	5
North Adams,	1827	Edwin Barnard,	William L. Tenney, *p. c.*	'88	'95	256	381	637	85	4	14	18	12	9	0	21	1	5
Northampton, 1st,	1661	William G. Bassett,	Henry T. Rose, *p. c.*	'70	'92	110	361	471	30	3	11	14	8	9	0	17	1	2
" Edwards,	1833	Dea. S. E. Bridgman,	Paul Van Dyke, *p. c.*	'87	'92	114	307	421	71	21	24	45	9	7	0	16	11	11
" **Florence,**	1861	Dea. E. H. Barnard,	Elisha G. Cobb, *p. c.*	'60	'66	107	248	355	50	1	14	15	0	12	0	12	0	4
North Andover,	1834	D. W. Carney,	Henry E. Barnes, *p. c.*	'62	'93	88	170	258	88	4	6	10	2	4	0	6	3	8
North Attleboro', Oldtown,	1712	Miss Mary A. Mathias,	John Whitehill, *p.*	'61	'69	20	46	66	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" **Falls,**	1874	Miss Ida M. Perry,	James H. McLaren, *p.*	'90	'93	24	66	90	7	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	4	0
" Trinity,	1892	D. Sanford Hall,	Charles A. Ratcliffe, *p.*	'91	'96	24	54	78	10	2	3	5	0	2	0	2	2	3
Northboro',	1832	Charles A. Lawrence,	Albert D. Smith,	'88	'96	28	78	106	27	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0
Northbridge **Centre,**	1782	Dea. Joshua W. Morse,	James H. Childs, *p.*	'75	'84	28	60	88	20	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	4	0
" **Whitinsville,**	1834	William J. Love,	John R. Thurston, *p. c.*	'59	'71	69	161	230	43	8	3	11	10	6	0	16	2	13
" Rockdale,	1879	Mrs. H. T. Whitin,	James H. Childs, *p.*	'75	'84	12	14	26	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
North Brookfield, 1st,	1752	Dea. A. J. Goddard,				121	260	381	71	10	5	15	7	8	0	15	6	7
" Union,	1854	Dea. James Miller,	Joseph J. Spencer, *p. c.*	'91	'91	32	88	120	21	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	0	1
Northfield, **East,**	1825	Mrs. Mary T. Dalton,	Cyrus I. Scofield, *p.*	'83	'96	140	232	372	141	7	4	11	6	17	0	23	3	1
North Reading,	1720	Dea. I. Arthur Flint,				34	69	103		1	5	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
Norton,	1832	Rev. Geo. H. Hubbard,	George H. Hubbard, *p.*	'84	'88	19	61	80	23	6	3	9	3	1	0	4	5	1
Norwood,	1736	Herbert M. Plimpton,	Charles F. Weeden, *p. c.*	'88	'95	71	128	199	46	1	11	12	4	3	0	7	1	7
Oakham,	1767	Dea. Jesse Allen,	Solomon P. Fay,	'49	'96	33	82	115	26	9	0	9	3	3	0	6	8	0
Orange, **North,**	1843	Rev. J. H. Garman,	George W. Judson, *p.*	'87	'91	7	15	22	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
" Central,	1846	F. D. Kellogg,	George W. Judson, *p. c.*	'87	'87	99	182	281	25	8	6	14	5	6	0	11	8	3
" *Swedish,*	1891		John E. Thunberg, *p.*	'92	'93	29	26	55	2	3	0	3	0	9	0	9	0	11
Orleans,	1646	Dea. J. Higgins,	E. Irving Rackett, *p. c.*	'94	'93	23	98	121		1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	0
Otis,	1779	Charles J. Carter,				17	35	52	18	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Oxford,	1721	Mrs. Emily J. Pratt,	Albert E. Bradstreet, *p.*	'88	'94	42	107	149	29	1	1	2	5	5	0	10	1	0
Palmer, **Thorndike,**	1730	Charles F. Smith,	George M. Gerrish, *p.*	'94	'95	26	48	74	12	2	10	12	1	2	0	3	1	0
" 2d,	1847	O. P. Allen,	Frank E. Jenkins, *p. c.*	'81	'93	69	147	216	29	10	14	24	2	14	0	16	6	1
" **Three Rivers,**	1876	Sullivan B. Barnes,	Gardner S. Butler, *p.*	'77	'92	99	108	207	49	34	6	40	1	19	1	21	25	3
Paxton,	1767	Dea. Chas. A. Streeter,	Lewis E. Perry, *p.*	'85	'94	25	65	90	23	11	2	13	5	1	0	6	11	0
Peabody, South,	1713	Peter J. Frye,	George A. Hall, *p. c.*	'86	'86	93	241	334	54	7	3	10	9	7	0	16	4	2
" 2d,	1874	O. F. Newhall,	Frederick I. Kelley, *p. c.*	'89	'91	26	67	93	5	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	3	4
" **West,**	1891	F. K. McIntire,	James A. Anderson, *p.*	'89	'95	14	28	42	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Pelham,	1837	Mrs. Geo. Tillson,	[J. Elmer Russell,]		'95	5	9	14	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
" Packardville, **Enfield,** '69		Mrs. D. O. Chickering,	[J. Elmer Russell,]		'95	15	25	40	9	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	0
Pepperell,	1747	John W. Pierce, **E. P.**	Richard H. Kennedy, *p.*	'92	'95	83	170	253	42	2	7	9	4	3	1	8	2	0
Peru,	1770	Dea. J. H. Geer,	Edson L. Clark, *p.*	'59	'93	23	34	57	19	2	1	3	4	0	0	4	0	0
Petersham,	1823	Dea. Chas. K. Wilder,	Daniel E. Adams, *p.*	'60	'93	3	21	24	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	0

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Newton, N'ville,	W. C. Boyden,	312	195	275	92	604	107	80	645	99	44	46	583	2,208	0	20,000
" Highlands,	Seward W. Jones,	m289	185	202	96	807	6	38	1,260	191	36	0	127	2,465	0	4,222
Norfolk,	Dea. Nathan H. Rockwood,	70	40	40	50	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	112	132	0	650
North Adams,	Herbert E. Wetherbee,	m440	359	400	55	339	82	104	513	152	171	0	755	2,116	0	4,900
Northampton, 1st	Noah H. Lee,	253	179	300	89	1,150	143	164	765	687	50	0	565	3,524	500	5,855
" Edwards,	Fred. N. Kneeland,	341	225	416	93	1,167	46	63	1,021	266	52	0	503	3,118	0	5,150
" Florence	George H. Ray,	300	185		150	62	20	18	71	41	20	19	397	648	0	2,500
North Andover,	D. W. Carney,	312	182	160	125	50	245	125	460	25	75	25	0	1,005	0	2,136
North Attleboro'	John Whitehill,	130	72	117	12	20	4	1	4	5	5	20	3	62	0	1,300
" Falls,	Thomas I. Thurber,	115	79		53	8	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	19	0	1,791
" Trinity,	Robert G. Sample,	117	74	65	30	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	16	0	
Northboro',	F. M. Harrington,	173	76	85	25	47	11	30	98	38	29	8	15	276	0	
Northbridge C.,	Frank E. Taft,	107	59	81	32	147	29	12	83	14	6	0	34	325	0	625
" Whitinsville,	Arthur F. Whitin,	324	187	252	105	4,870	1,723	562	3,641	2,510	570	106	462	14,444	0	3,075
" Rockdale,	Benjamin W. Brown,	40	25	48	23	120	11	5	40	12	5	0	13	206	0	600
North Brookfield,	W. H. Holt,	367	171	270	91	455	77	63	539	161	36	23	427	1,781	0	3,172
" Union,	Edgar H. Grout,	137	77		58	0	0	0	181	110	0	0	40	331	0	1,300
Northfield,	Ambert G. Moody,	500	194		55	134	0	0	75	0	6	0	165	380	0	2,109
North Reading,	Dea. J. Milton Robinson,	125	70	90	60	27	0	0	0	0	4	0	20	51	0	2,100
Norton,	Rev. George H. Hubbard,	90	47	125	60	453	0	0	353	213	0	100	60	1,179	0	1,464
Norwood,	Edson D. Smith,	280	145	175	45	307	152	15	373	95	118	15	35	1,110	113	3,800
Oakham,	H. W. Lincoln,	135	74		59	40	0	0	9	20	0	0	12	81	0	573
Orange, North,	Solon J. Oliver,	35	25	12	12	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	16	0	121
" Central,	Waldo E. French,	300	190	230	85	281	35	0	275	53	33	0	0	677	0	2,400
" *Swedish*,	John Lind,	100	75	150	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orleans,	Freeman H. Snow,	130	70	135	45	83	0	6	81	6	10	0	344	530	0	1,250
Otis,	W. N. Hawley,	62	37	84	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220
Oxford,	Dea. D. M. Howe,	140	65	135	50	201	35	37	262	121	25	5	141	827	0	3,993
Palmer, Thorn'e,	Andrew J. Parker,	114	36	75	50	82	6	0	13	0	0	0	0	101	0	1,150
" 2d,	Luther H. Gage,	247	163	200	91	139	87	60	353	107	17	15	388	1,166	0	3,472
" Three Rivers,	F. A. Upham,	287	146	101	146	21	0	0	0	32	0	0	153	206	0	1,780
Paxton,	Charles F. Flint,	60	42	50	37	22	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	44	0	950
Peabody, South,	Arthur F. Poole,	350	218	250	94	815	207	46	1,040	84	40	0	378	2,610	0	4,410
" 2d,	W. T. Wolloff,	135	79	150	101	0	0	5	5	0	10	0	18	38	0	1,250
" West,	A. W. Felt,	85	40	100	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	17	0	741
Pelham,	John W. Knight,	23	20	35	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	98
" Packardville,	John Vanstone, **Pelham**,	70	40	30	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	8	0	100
Pepperell,	Lyman C. Blood,	220	104	240	39	34	25	11	46	27	9	0	233	385	2,900	1,540
Peru,	Byron Parks,	65	41	31	24	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	59	0	360
Petersham,	Dea. Clinton Bohanon,	30	18	15	7	2	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	9	0	415

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Phillipston,	1785	Miss Sarah I. Miller,	Daniel E. Adams, *p.*	'60	'93	20	46	66	21	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
Pittsfield, 1st,	1764	Dea. H. A. Brewster,	William V.W. Davis, *p.c.*	'77	'93	158	376	534	59	19	19	38	8	11	4	23	9	9
" 2d,	1846	Mrs. Leah Gardiner,	Samuel Harrison, *p.*	'50	'72	11	28	39	12	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	2
" South,	1850	Frank E. Pierson,	Isaac C. Smart, *p. c.*	'85	'85	167	271	438	30	13	9	22	6	8	9	23	2	6
Plainfield,	1786	Dea. S. W. Clark,				36	52	88	16	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0
Plymouth, **Manomet,**	1738	Mrs. E. P. Bartlett,	George Sterling, *p.*	'74	'94	20	40	60	7	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	1	0
" Pilgrimage,	1801	Charles F. Cole,	Ernest W. Shurtleff, *p. c.*	'91	'91	60	315	375	65	10	2	12	10	1	0	11	4	6
" **Chiltonville,**	1894	Thaddeus Faunce,	Oscar F. Davis, *p. c.*	'95	'94	12	30	42	5	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0
Plympton,	1698	Miss B. W. Sherman,	Ernest C. Davis, *p.*	'94	'94	16	61	77	19	0	0	0	4	0	3	7	0	0
Prescott,	1823	Dea. C. H. Hunter,	Charles E. Houghton, *p.*	'76	'88	17	18	35	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0
Princeton,	1764	Miss Susie A. Davis,	Charles A. White, *p.*	'73	'88	54	130	184		11	5	16	0	2	0	2	6	0
Provincetown,	1769	Mrs. Mary N. Lewis,	[William F. Skerrye, *Lic.*]		'94	12	58	70	16	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	15
Quincy,	1832	Ernest D. Gourd,	Edwin N. Hardy, *p. c.*	'90	'95	111	209	320	36	6	10	16	2	7	0	9	0	5
" **Wollaston,**	1876	Edward L. Robbins,	Edward A. Robinson, *p. c.*	'83	'90	50	90	140		10	12	22	1	2	0	3	7	2
" Wash. st., **Point,**	1883	Thos. B. Pollard, Q.	[Morris H. Turk,]		'96	14	40	54	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
" **Atlantic,**	1885	Miss Annie Clean,	Edward Norton, *p.*	'64	'95	13	32	45	5	1	1	2	0	4	1	5	0	2
" *Swedish,*	1889	Eric Carlson,	[C. A. Bjornbom, *Swed. M.C.*]			54	46	100	5	30	0	30	1	1	8	10	0	3
Randolph,	1731	William H. Leavitt,	Charles A. Hilton, *p. c.*	'71	'93	44	116	160	19	3	2	5	7	3	1	11	3	4
Raynham,	1731	Edward B. King,	Sidney K. B. Perkins, *p.*	'60	'87	14	39	53	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	1	0
" **North,**	1875	Willard M. Copeland,	Sidney K. B. Perkins, *p.*	'60	'87	6	20	26	1	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	0
Reading,	1849	Frank W. B. Pratt,	Frank S. Adams, *p. c.*	'80	'80	128	328	456	60	2	12	14	9	14	0	23	0	3
Rehoboth,	1721	Miss E. B. Pierce,	Charles B. Wathen,	'83	'96	55	88	143	39	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	1	1
Revere, 1st,	1828	George A. Dalrymple,	Walter S. Eaton, *p. c.*	'87	'92	60	101	161	37	3	12	15	3	14	0	17	0	4
" Beachmont,	1881	Dea. C. B. Holmes,	John Wriston, *p.*	'94	'92	33	57	90	38	6	7	13	2	13	0	15	3	1
Richmond,	1765	Henry L. Salmon,	T. Clair Luce, *p. c.*	'85	'91	31	75	106	7	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Rochester, 1st,	1703	John S. Ryder,				11	36	47	18	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	1
" North,	1753	George H. Gerrish,	Leslie B. Withee, *p.*	'89	'96	11	15	26	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" E., **W. Wareham,**	1887	George P. Morse,				31	45	76	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Rockland,	1813	Joshua S. Smith,	F. Hovey Allen, *p.*	'74	'95	103	193	296	48	6	4	10	7	8	0	15	4	3
Rockport, 1st,	1755	Calvin W. Pool,	Israel Ainsworth, *p. c.*	'80	'91	53	175	228	30	6	8	14	4	2	0	6	5	3
" **Pigeon Cove,**	1874		David Kilburn, *p.*	'84	'96	9	44	53	4	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	1
" *Swedish,*	1892	Eric P. Anderson,				27	18	45	0	15	1	16	0	12	12	24		
Rowley,	1639	Benjamin P. Mighill,	Samuel B. Cooper, *p.*	'87	'92	40	114	154	33	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Royalston,	1766	Dea. Frank W. Adams,	Francis J. Fairbanks, *p. c.*	'64	'93	36	77	113	26	3	3	6	2	0	0	2	3	0
" **South,**	1837	Jeremiah A. Rich,	[John Eyers, *Bapt.*]	'85	'95	18	41	59	25	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	0
Rutland,	1727	Dea. Wm. C. Temple,	Sidney Crawford, *p.*	'70	'93	75	117	192	43	9	2	11	6	7	0	13	5	3
Salem, Tabernacle,	1735	Ezra L. Woodbury,	DeWitt S. Clark, *p. c.*	'68	'79	84	287	371	32	5	4	9	7	2	0	9	3	4
" South,	1735	Charles H. Hayward,	James F. Brodie, *p. c.*	'82	'89	66	199	265	36	5	4	9	5	4	0	9	0	2
" Crombie st.	1832	Henry J. Pratt,	John W. Buckham, *p. c.*	'88	'90	52	163	215	32	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	0	7
Sandisfield,	1756	Dea. John H. Whitney,				15	36	51	16	2	3	5	1	3	0	4	2	0

Rockdale, *see* Northbridge. Roxbury, *see* Boston. Saundersville, *see* Grafton.

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Phillipston,	Miss Sarah I. Miller,	40	28	33	0	8	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	15	0	380
Pittsfield, 1st,	William C. Stevenson,	m557	458	470	93	1,414	144	120	1,160	344	68	36	3,316	6,602	0	10,484
" 2d,	Mrs. Leah Gardiner,	40	26	18	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	250
" South,	John P. Sayles,	285	200	250	100	46	15	12	42	115	16	25	163	434	0	4,500
Plainfield,	Dea. S. W. Clark,	120	56	77	23	24	7	0	26	16	8	0	0	81	0	540
Plymouth, Man.,	Seth S. Bartlett,	63	32	75	25	17	0	6	12	14	3	0	0	52	0	576
" Pilgrimage,	Charles F. Cole,	338	179	300	90	218	25	12	42	178	11	0	532	1,018	0	3,175
" Chiltonville,	Miss C. E. Langford,	56	31	54	14	40	5	10	52	11	11	5	12	146	0	1,113
Plympton,	Miss A. C. Bisbee,	74	52	145	18	25	5	2	4	3	2	0	50	91	0	987
Prescott,	George F. Allen,	48	24	37	25	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	0	315
Princeton,	H. B. Howard,	160	75	200	45	391	0	31	244	63	15	0	145	889	0	1,600
Provincetown,	James E. Rich,	80	53	78	0	6	0	6	5	0	0	0	10	27	1,000	846
Quincy,	Ernest W. Branch,	425	252	350	150	292	13	0	231	88	30	0	1,449	2,103	4,000	5,116
" Wollaston,	N. G. Nickerson,	235	126	125	65	355	65	95	553	60	0	18	809	1,955	0	3,900
" Wash'gton st.,	C. H. Sherburne, Q.	125	85	100	52	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	75	87	0	1,643
" Atlantic,	Theodore Parker,	125	62	100	54	0	0	0	35	0	0	7	0	42	0	1,000
" *Swedish*,	Charlie Leander,	80	70	113	0	9	0	29	86	41	12	0	83	260	0	1,000
Randolph,	John V. Beal,	145	93	130	45	376	73	49	245	320	67	0	51	1,181	0	3,000
Raynham,	M. G. Shurtleff,	79	39	72	17	17	20	5	23	19	8	0	8	100	0	620
" North,	William Palmer,	55	26	73	10	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	2	11	0	320
Reading,	Frank W. B. Pratt,	496	257	330	219	606	125	62	541	177	40	31	475	2,057	0	4,198
Rehoboth,	Charles L. Nash,	115	70	80	34	52	0	0	11	6	15	0	3	87	0	1,300
Revere, 1st,	Edwin B. Hooper,	185	130	160	125	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	56	0	5,800
" Beachmont,	Samuel McBay,	160	90	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	950
Richmond,	Dea. Fred A. Clement,	130	68	60	68	115	5	10	57	37	16	0	25	265	0	1,521
Rochester, 1st,	George B. Haskell,	52	30	75	26	75	0	0	37	0	10	0	21	143	0	875
" North,	Edward E. Reynolds,	40	19	30	27	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	12	0	460
" East,	Burton H. Jefferson,	97	54	55	67	12	0	0	12	0	5	0	15	44	0	448
Rockland,	Clarence E. Rice,	357	273	267	79	184	20	20	111	45	15	12	154	561	381	3,358
Rockport, 1st,	Henry C. Davis,	198	111	231	106	56	11	21	98	8	15	10	69	288	0	2,728
" Pig. Cove,	Mrs. J. Judson Dean,	75	53	80	38	10	0	0	15	0	0	0	14	39	0	790
" *Sw.*,	Peter Johnson,	72	45		14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	983
Rowley,	Willard P. Smith,	111	73	104	50	87	0	0	27	22	0	9	11	156	0	1,250
Royalston,	Dea. Frank W. Adams,	118	71	70	49	148	0	0	103	7	14	3	0	275	0	1,040
" South,	Alfred R. Hale,	50	30	50	36	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	46	0	324
Rutland,	Walter A. Hunter,	165	95	180	65	65	0	0	67	0	3	0	65	200	0	1,350
Salem, Tab'cle,	Frederick A. Fuller,	551	304	325	240	601	246	95	1,472	218	201	98	253	3,184	0	6,036
" South,	Frank H. Sargent,	236	147	250	120	780	130	51	788	142	0	0	1,432	3,323	1,000	
" Crombie st.	Arthur F. Smith,	142	93	175	45	281	0	20	267	185	13	0	205	971	0	3,060
Sandisfield,	E. R. Ingham, **Montville,**	40	29	30	10	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	92

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Sandisfield,	**New Boston,**	1874	Hiram A. Ryder,			13	30	43	8	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	0	0
Sandwich,		1638	Dea. S. R. Bourne,	William H. Woodwell, *p.*	'73	'89	44	93	137	10	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	2
Saugus,		1732	John E. Stocker,	John C. Labaree, *p.*	'63	'93	11	38	49	17	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
"	**Cliftondale,**	1888	Mrs. Arthur B. Smith,	W. Sherman Thompson,	'91	'96	16	58	74	12	9	3	12	1	0	0	1	6	1
Scituate,		1639	Miss Susie C. Young,	[George I. Newton, *Lic.*]		'96	21	56	77	10	1	1	2	3	2	0	5	1	0
Seekonk,		1888	Mrs. James Knapp,				12	11	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharon,		1741	Sanford W. Billings,	George F. Stanton, *p.*	'66	'88	35	79	114	20	2	5	7	1	1	0	2	2	0
Sheffield,		1735	Dea. D. Boardman,	[Evarts W. Pond,]		'96	36	97	133	20	3	1	4	5	3	0	8	3	0
Shelburne,		1770	Dea. L. G. Alvord,	[Joseph A. Goodrich,]			75	120	195	26	3	4	7	5	6	0	11	2	0
"	**Falls,**	1850	Charles H. Ball,	Walter H. Ashley, *p.*	'78	'89	54	141	195	51	0	1	1	2	9	0	11	0	8
Sherborn,		1685	Dea. L. Coolidge,	Edmund Dowse, *p. c.*	'38	'38	37	84	121	38	7	0	7	4	5	0	9	4	0
Shirley,		1828	Rev. Joseph Torrey,	Joseph Torrey, *p.*	'60	'93	25	53	78	22	1	8	9	3	1	0	4	0	1
Shrewsbury,		1723	Charles O. Greene,	Edward A. Lathrop, *p.*	'95	'95	33	72	105	9	0	3	3	3	3	0	6	0	0
Shutesbury,		1742	Dea. N. A. Briggs,	[J. Van Kirk Wells, jr., *Pres.*]		'93	18	36	54	15	3	0	3	1	3	0	4	3	0
Somerset,		1861	Dea. Wm. H. Marble,	Thomas F. Norris, *p.*	'79	'94	18	39	57	26	3	3	6	1	3	0	4	2	0
Somerville,	1st,	1855	G. A. Southworth,				124	247	371	75	13	13	26	5	16	0	21	2	0
"	Broadway,	1864	Frank E. Hodgkins,	Horace H. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'94	118	208	326	26	13	15	28	4	2	0	6	5	0
"	West,	1874	Jacob H. Lowery,	Peter MacQueen, *p. c.*	'91	'93	89	193	282		12	14	26	8	11	0	19	4	13
"	Prospect Hill,	1874	S. Gardner Higgins,	Edward S. Tead, *p. c.*	'78	'84	120	218	338		12	7	19	4	6	27	37	2	4
"	Winter Hill,	1883	Edwin A. Stone,	Charles L. Noyes, *p. c.*	'81	'82	74	141	215		11	5	16	4	1	0	5	6	7
"	Highland,	1894	George T. Failey,	George S. Anderson, *p.*	'91	'94	26	47	73	2	15	22	37	2	2	0	4	2	7
Southampton,		1743	H. L. Parsons,	Thomas H. Vincent, *p.*	'89	'92	61	105	166	10	0	2	2	2	7	0	9	0	0
Southboro',		1831	H. A. McMaster,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'93	24	66	90	32	5	0	5	5	1	0	6	2	0
"	**Southville,**	1865	Mrs. F. J. Ramsdell,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'95	12	23	35	11	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0
Southbridge,		1801	E. B. Cummings,	Sidney A. Burnaby, *p. c.*	'81	'93	79	150	229	56	5	6	11	5	7	0	12	4	6
South Hadley,		1733	Dea. Calvin Preston,	Newton I. Jones, *p.*	'75	'90	79	211	290	59	6	7	13	5	12	2	19	1	2
"	**Falls,**	1824	Dea. Arthur N. Chapin,	Richard L. Swain, *p. c.*	'84	'94	76	194	270	30	19	9	28	7	8	1	16	6	2
Southwick,		1773	Dea. Edward Gillett,				27	53	80	11	5	0	5	1	7	6	14	5	0
Spencer,		1744	Dea. Geo. H. Marsh,	Sherman W. Brown, *p. c.*	'93	'93	122	256	378	47	56	9	59	8	8	0	16	24	3
Springfield,	1st,	1637	William L. Richards,	Frank L. Goodspeed, *p. c.*	'87	'94	278	646	924	136	30	34	64	15	36	61	112	12	9
"	Olivet,	1833	James B. Roberts,	Luther H. Cone, *p. c.*	'55	'67	94	253	347	50	4	11	15	9	10	0	19	1	5
"	South,	1842	William A. Lincoln,	Philip S. Moxom, *p. c.*	'71	'94	148	304	452	80	9	20	29	9	8	0	17	5	5
"	North,	1846	Ralph P. Alden,	F. Barrows Makepeace, *p. c.*	'73	'88	160	330	490	71	9	14	23	7	9	12	28	5	2
"	**Ind. Orchard,**	1848	Walter S. Colwell,	William T. Hutchins, *p. c.*	'76	'92	70	110	180	45	5	4	9	2	2	0	4	2	2
"	Hope,	1876	Asa G. Baker,	Ralph W. Brokaw, *p. c.*	'77	'88	214	386	600	57	15	25	40	6	21	6	33	4	7
"	*French,*	1886	J. W. Witty,	Joseph Provost, *p. c.*	'72	'84	24	17	41	8	6	3	9	2	6	4	12	1	3
"	Eastern av.,	1888	Dea. Fred B. Miller,	Richard H. Bosworth, *p. c.*	'82	'94	67	119	186	30	5	8	13	3	24	4	31	0	4
"	Emmanuel,	1888	Rev. D. L. Kebbe,	David L. Kebbe, *p. c.*	'91	'95	26	43	69	15	5	4	9	0	5	0	5	2	4
"	Park,	1889	Henry W. Blake,	Allen E. Cross, *p.*	'92	'96	41	75	116		0	0	0	0	57	0	57	0	0
"	St. John's,	1890	Dea. Charles Dennis,	John W. Tolliver, *p. c.*	'92	'94	25	58	83	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Sandisfield, N.B.,	G. A. Northway,	40	34	100	45	0	0		9	4	0	0	4	25	0	255
Sandwich,	E. J. Edwards,	110	69	71	56	110	0	0	69	12	0	0	17	208	0	1,100
Saugus,	John E. Stocker,	110	71	68	23	103	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	185	0	976
" Cliff'd'e,	Wilfred B. Gibson,	143	88	100	38	70	0	0	125	26	7	5	50	283	0	2,122
Scituate,	John H. Young,	84	49	47	64	3	0	5	4	0	0	0	64	76	10,000	662
Seekonk,	David S. Peck,	79	40		40	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	263
Sharon,	Sanford W. Billings,	160	80	90	60	120	8	8	308	120	0	0	7	571	0	1,597
Sheffield,	Dwight Boardman,	89	54	100	60	120	7	18	108	25	0	0	28	306	300	1,500
Shelburne,	Luther W. Truesdell,	168	90	75	57	130	9	3	74	88	14	3	15	336	0	1,329
" Falls,	E. J. Stockwell,	184	120	179	46	141	29	9	281	39	11	22	66	598	0	1,674
Sherborn,	Elijah C. Barber,	115	68	100	58	35	5	0	115	30	5	0	75	265	0	1,200
Shirley,	H. D. Martin,	87	55	65	75	28	0	7	23	15	10	0	75	158	0	950
Shrewsbury,	Charles O. Greene,	120		117	52	85	0	10	40	0	0	0	216	351	0	2,140
Shutesbury,	Dea. N. A. Briggs,	40	26	33	50	0	0	10	20	0	0	0	33	63	0	260
Somerset,	Dea. Wm. H. Marble,	90	49	70	32	40	0	2	12	0	0	0	0	54	0	950
Somerville, 1st,	Charles H. Colgate,	380	226	300	80	253	36	55	258	49	36	10	91	788	0	5,353
" Broadway,	Oliver Bacon,	376	249	225	125	285	19	60	895	23	17	7	316	1,622	0	14,000
" West,	Franklin F. Phillips,	259	136	300	120	19	0	9	9	10	5	102	212	366	0	3,000
" Prospect Hill,	Alfred H. Hines,	473	319		125	93	0	0	62	46	0	0	1,269	1,470	0	7,158
" Winter Hill,	Edwin M. Norton,	318	188	178	56	213	40	27	186	162	16	20	724	1,388	0	5,600
" Highland,	Wilbur F. Jones,	200	102	200	68	13	0	10	12	17	13	0	246	311	0	5,077
Southampton,	Rev. Thomas H. Vincent,	121	69	80	40	122	0	18	62	45	5	0	49	301	400	1,380
Southboro',	H. A. McMaster,	70	40	50	20	28	0	0	0	4	0	0	25	57	0	1,100
" Southville,	Francis J. Ramsdell,	39	23	30	0	8	0	5	4	0	3	0	2	22	0	278
Southbridge,	C. D. Monroe,	200	94	117	92	10	0	0	10	32	24	0	809	885	0	2,420
South Hadley,	Alvin L. Wright,	208	147	160	100	622	16	20	227	314	0	0	471	1,670	0	2,037
" Falls,	Henry E. Judd,	342	235	250	128	237	100	44	176	95	17	6	337	1,012	0	3,000
Southwick,	Herbert Miller,	75	28	65	57	30	0	0	4	2	2	0	3	41	0	668
Spencer,	Dr. E. W. Norwood,	516	277		175	893	65	129	2,274	801	65	33	676	4,936	0	5,475
Springfield, 1st,	Milton A. Dixon,	624	332	725	197	1,421	397	222	2,405	188	214	46	606	5,499	0	11,000
" Olivet,	Edward C. Hazen,	282	132	225	78	646	24	23	393	61	44	14	93	1,298	0	2,748
" South,	Norman H. Carkhuff,	261	182	200	40	1,050	96	179	1,523	216	42	610	4,870	8,586	0	11,190
" North,	Charles H. Burnham,	290	181	225	144	638	131	33	1,088	114	50	0	4,542	6,596	500	8,688
" Indian Orch.,	Dwight Clark,	220	138	130	130	92	31	0	52	70	0	0	259	504	0	2,439
" Hope,	Benjamin L. Bragg,	684	441	490	179	626	1,282	18	1,242	266	547	0	2,126	6,107	0	9,237
" *French*,	Gustave Michaud,	29	23	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	26	31	0	285
" Eastern av.,	Charles Dalton,	222	195	200	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	0	1,849
" Emmanuel,	H. V. R. Schermerhorn,	140	80	80	77	2	45	0	12	4	3	0	24	90	0	935
" Park,	Charles Jacobus,	217	110	76	40	172	3	3	48	11	2	2	35	276	0	3,039
" St. John's,	David Jennings,	97	70	70	73	0	0	0	5	8	0	0	0	13	0	660

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Springfield, *Swedish*,	1891	Fred Anderson,	Gustaf Staaf, *p.*	'89	'94	16	36	52	4	7	1	8	1	4	3	8	0	5
" Faith,	1894	Enos E. Penny,	Harry C. Meserve, *p. c.*	'94	'93	26	63	89	5	8	14	22	1	0	0	1	7	1
Sterling,	1852	Rev. G. H. Pratt,	George H. Pratt, *p.*	'66	'93	21	57	78	11	2	1	3	5	1	0	6	2	0
Stockbridge,	1734	Charles A. Bidwell,	[Charles S. Rich, *Lic.*]		'96	67	141	208	39	11	7	18	3	6	0	9	8	12
" **Curtisville,**	1824	Dea. John W. Ford,	George P. Thomas, *p.*	'90	'94	37	50	87	12	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Stoneham,	1729	Dea. O. W. Richardson,	George E. Lovejoy, *p.*	'73	'93	78	189	267	60	10	11	21	2	4	0	6	5	8
Stoughton,	1799	Mrs. Laura L. Keith,	Caleb L. Rotch, *p.*	'79	'93	37	90	127	11	10	9	19	5	5	0	10	10	2
Sturbridge,	1736	Mrs. Melvin Haynes,	Augustus M. Rice, *p.*	'75	'93	33	66	99	27	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	2	1
Sudbury, **South,**	1640	F. F. Walker,	Clarence W. Rouse, *p. c.*	'90	'94	58	109	167	27	7	4	11	5	3	0	8	4	4
Sunderland,	1718	Rev. E. P. Butler,	Edward P. Butler, *p. c.*	'74	'89	102	140	242	24	2	6	8	7	1	0	8	1	1
Sutton,	1720	C. S. White,*a*	John C. Hall, *p. c.*	'90	'91	50	105	155	43	7	0	7	2	5	0	7	7	8
Swampscott,	1846	Barnet W. Redfern,	George A. Jackson, *p. c.*	'72	'78	18	97	115	16	5	0	5	2	4	0	6	3	2
Taunton, West,	1637	Mrs. W. Chase, jr.,	Charles Clark, *p.*	'94	'94	16	41	57	10	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	3	0
" Trinitarian,	1821	Erastus Morse,	Samuel V. Cole, *p. c.*	'89	'89	78	208	286	36	9	9	18	5	0	0	5	7	4
" Winslow,	1837	Dea. Geo. W. Andros,	{ Samuel H.Emery,*p c.em.* / T. Clayton Welles, *p. c.*	'37 '72	'46 '92	86	191	277	21	12	4	16	5	14	13	32	6	3
" **East,**	1853	C. W. King,	Frank S. Park, *p.*	'95	'95	19	40	59	30	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Union,	1868	Frank P. Knox,	Edward H. Chandler, *p.c.*	'92	'92	58	153	211	39	5	2	7	2	0	3	5	2	9
Templeton,	1832	John W. Brown,	Gabriel B. Kambour, *p. c.*	'93	'93	30	59	89	19	1	6	7	2	3	0	5	0	1
Tewksbury,	1735	Anna S. Coggin,				48	93	141	21	23	5	28	2	5	0	7	19	8
Tolland,	1797	C. E. Slocum,	Samuel B. Andrews,	'68	'96	16	24	40	0	1	0	1	3	5	0	8	1	3
Topsfield,	1663	Miss A. F. Ferguson,	Francis A. Poole, *p. c.*	'95	'95	38	96	134	27	4	3	7	3	2	0	5	3	2
Townsend,	1734	Miss Emma F. Gates,	Charles H. Rowley, *p.*	'81	'90	46	133	179	23	1	0	1	4	3	0	7	1	0
Truro,	1711	Daniel E. Paine,	William Harris, *p.*	'76	'95	12	22	34	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" **North,**	1840	Mrs. Benj. Coan,	[Charles A. Purdy, *Meth.*]		'93	0	8	8	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Tyngsboro',	1868	Dea. John P. Coburn,	Park A. Bradford, *p.*	'79	'94	17	39	56	11	16	3	19	2	0	0	2	8	5
Upton,	1735	Olive M. Johnson,	Alex. Wiswall, *p. c.*	'79	'92	46	176	222	47	3	4	7	1	1	1	3	0	2
Uxbridge,	1730	Miss I. W. Mascroft,	Frank L. Bristol, *p. c.*	'75	'88	33	113	146	25	11	3	14	5	1	0	6	5	6
Wakefield,	1645	John W. White,	Albert P. Davis, *p. c.*	'94	'94	140	278	418	85	15	13	28	5	2	0	7	15	7
Walpole,	1826	S. Eugene Bentley,	Frank C. Putnam, *p. c.*	'94	'94	59	144	203	40	0	4	4	1	5	0	6	0	4
" East,	1877																	
Waltham,	1820	Chas. W. Durgin,	Charles E. Harrington,*p.c.*	'74	'94	170	375	545	110	6	20	26	7	4	3	14	3	10
" *Swedish*,	1892	Alfred Anderson,	David Lunquist, *p. c.*	'93	'93	18	38	56	7	12	0	12	0	7	6	13	0	7
Ware,	1751	Miss M. R. Howard,	Edward L. Chute, *p.*	'80	'96	19	53	72	15	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0
" East,	1826	Henry K. Hyde,	Austin B. Bassett, *p. c.*	'87	'91	127	330	457	71	11	6	17	9	15	1	25	8	10
" *French*,	1887	Dea. A. B. Simoneau,	Laurent E. Rivard, *p.*	'94	'93	16	14	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Wareham,	1739	Harriet E. Smith,	J. Herbert Yeoman, *p.*	'77	'95	18	39	57	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Warren, 1st,	1743	Henry S. Howe,	Harris G. Hale, *p. c.*	'91	'91	118	201	319	49	41	16	57	7	1	0	8	19	6
" **West,**	1866																	
Warwick,	1829	Dea. E. C. Chase,	Edgar F. Blanchard, *p.*	'94	'94	19	34	53	12	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	2
Watertown,	1855	J. Henry Green,	Edward C. Porter, *p. c.*	'84	'89	100	193	293	38	13	3	16	3	3	0	6	6	7
Wayland,	1828	Dea. Edw. Carter,				14	37	51	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

a **Wilkinsonville.** Thorndike, *see* Palmer. Turner's Falls, *see* Montague. Waquoit, *see* Falmouth. Waverley, *see* Belmont.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Springfield, *Sw.*,	Fred Anderson,	26	20	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75	0	1,660
" Faith,	Charles W. Raunenberg,	132	76	100	31	24	0	11	116	0	0	0	204	355	0	2,368
Sterling,	Arthur S. Wilder,	125	59	74	51	97	10	13	135	36	17	10	66	384	41	1,039
Stockbridge,	Clarence Perry,	113	79	90	68	143	116	10	193	211	24	15	151	863	0	
" Cur.	Frank A. Palmer,	90	49	50	33	105	10	18	80	120	13	0	0	346	0	1,800
Stoneham,	Burleigh C. Gilbert,	290	167	240	72	204	37	38	227	92	19	9	595	1,221	1,000	3,100
Stoughton,	Emerson N. Wilkins,	174	75	200	80	14	0	2	0	6	1	0	7	30	0	1,251
Sturbridge,	Henry D. Haynes,	80	52	70	42	87	6	4	61	40	5	0	0	203	0	1,066
Sudbury,	L. F. Richardson,	140	66	110	0	46	23	27	102	22	0	10	10	240	200	1,869
Sunderland,	A. M. Darling,	233	135	102	50	164	45	67	515	64	65	42	48	1,010	0	1,359
Sutton,	C. S. White,*a*	127	71	135	42	40	16	18	61	48	95	7	72	357	0	
Swampscott,	Gardner P. Balch,	175		180	38	141	10	15	50	35	25	3	107	386	0	1,650
Taunton, West,	Lewis P. Luther,	65	35	75	25	16	6	0	53	11	3	0	0	89	0	1,008
" Trin.,	William H. Fox,	317	140	250	166	423	120	56	1,130	180	86	20	0	2,015	0	5,090
" Winslow,	Henry W. Atkins,	436	245	263	178	351	16	80	261	85	52	8	2,882	3,735	0	5,496
" East,	C. W. King,	50	24	45	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	35	0	800
" Union,	N. A. Cushman,	291	185	250	89	180	6	0	97	42	0	0	73	398	0	2,483
Templeton,	James O. Winch,	90	55	40	55	38	0	0	20	60	9	0	0	127	0	700
Tewksbury,	Enoch Foster,	135	74	130	79	23	24	0	11	25	5	10	0	98	0	2,500
Tolland,	John R. Rogers,	30	20	23	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	200
Topsfield,	A. M. Dodge,	150	80	125	63	86	0	0	45	25	0	0	0	156	0	1,580
Townsend,	Albert S. Howard,	150	81	145	70	90	16	7	61	17	8	0	111	310	0	1,310
Truro,	John B. Dyer,	45	23	35	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	2	12	0	337
" North,	Rev. C. A. Purdy,	54	40	40	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	16	0	550
Tyngsboro',	C. H. Scholefield,	80	66	60	43	0	0	6	0	55	10	0	0	71	0	1,050
Upton,	E. A. Baldwin,	275	123	150	49	90	19	6	55	61	6	6	152	395	0	1,400
Uxbridge,	Rev. Frank L. Bristol,	240	141	186	94	552	20	35	639	20	13	12	17	1,308	800	1,735
Wakefield,	A. D. Dimick,	562	314	300	211	255	183	19	261	149	64	0	327	1,258	0	4,520
Walpole,	Gilman F. Allen,	220	141	153	70	84	38	33	468	21	65	17	0	726	0	1,920
" East.																
Waltham,	Dr. Marshall J. Mosher,	394	271	385	142	432	6	9	230	68	9	41	263	1,058	0	4,520
" *Swedish*,	Victor Ländström,	46	40	31	25	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	92	104	0	1,495
Ware,	Dea. D. Buffington,	69	25	55	11	36	0	11	30	35	9	0	20	141	0	655
" East,	Thomas P. Studd,	m440	290	320	152	1,530	266	151	1,248	416	90	0	349	4,050	800	4,176
" *French*,	Rev. Laurent E. Rivard,	25	18	19	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	14	17	0	175
Wareham,	Edward M. Barrows,	109	61	80	78	79	23	26	15	24	6	0	16	189	0	1,600
Warren, 1st,	Joseph G. Hastings,	308	150	250	77	583	224	173	628	225	100	0	129	2,062	0	2,900
" West.																
Warwick,	Dea. W. E. Blackmer, Orange,	58	39	38	28	12	0	0	4	3	4	0	1	24	0	576
Watertown,	Orlando W. Dimick,	240	149	175	50	206	0	0	706	115	0	200	708	1,935	0	3,541
Wayland	William S. Lovell,	35	20	30	20	5	0	0	3	8	4	0	0	20	0	700

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Webster,	1838	Dea. E. L. Spalding,	Henry A. Blake, *p. c.*	'76	'88	82	158	240	25	1	5	6	7	3	0	10	1	0
Wellesley,	1798	Dea. C. E. Shattuck,				93	202	295	61	9	11	20	7	8	0	15	3	2
" **Hills,**	1847	L. V. N. Peck,	Parris T. Farwell, *p. c.*	'83	'95	35	73	108	15	0	4	4	1	1	0	2	0	0
Wellfleet,	1723	Dea. Simeon Atwood,	Albert Donnell, *p.*	'83	'95	51	117	168	53	4	0	4	4	2	0	6	3	0
" **South,**	1833	Winslow Paine,				18	38	56	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Wendell,	1774	Mrs. Ellen L. Baker,	[John C. Wightman,]		'95	11	12	23	7	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	2	0
Wenham,	1663	Benj. H. Conant,	Arthur N. Ward, *p.*	'79	'91	24	58	82	22	0	3	3	4	7	0	11	0	0
Westboro,	1724	Otis K. Newton,	Merle A. Breed, *p.*	'93	'95	135	307	442	104	1	6	7	10	8	0	18	0	0
West Boylston,	1796	Dea. E. B. Rice,	J. Charles Villiers, *p.*	'86	'95	33	77	110	17	4	3	7	1	1	0	2	3	0
West Brookfield,	1717	Edwin Wilbur,	Charles W. Loomis, *p.*	'88	'95	58	149	207	33	3	4	7	3	5	0	8	2	0
Westfield, 1st,	1679	Rev. J. H. Lockwood,	John H. Lockwood, *p. c.*	'71	'79	123	348	471	45	24	7	31	3	12	0	15	15	7
" 2d,	1856	James R. Savery,	Lyman H. Blake, *p. c.*	'67	'81	133	299	432	61	20	6	26	9	7	0	16	12	10
Westford,	1828	Leonard W. Wheeler,	Augustus A. Bickford,	'78	'90	20	62	82	30	1	0	1	2	4	0	6	1	1
Westhampton,	1779	Frederick H. Judd,	Arthur C. Townsend, *p. c.*	'91	'91	91	132	223	51	1	0	1	5	4	0	9	0	3
Westminster,	1742	Dea. James B. Wood,	John W. Lees, *p.*	'70	'95	55	120	175	30	2	8	10	5	7	0	12	2	0
West Newbury, 1st,	1698	Alfred L. Moore,				41	76	117	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" 2d,	1731	Miss Emly A. Bailey,	Frederick B. Noyes, *p. c.*	'90	'91	18	99	117	25	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	0
Weston,	1891	Mrs. F. T. Fuller,	Robert F. Gordon, *p.*	'76	'91	9	17	26	7	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0
Westport,	1858	Mrs M. E. Gammons,	John Graham, *p.*	'90	'94	11	29	40	8	5	4	9	1	0	0	1	0	0
West Springfield,	1698	Dea. J. M. Smith,	Sidney K. Perkins, *p.*	'80	'93	44	88	132	24	5	2	7	1	1	4	6	3	2
" **Mittineague,**	1850	Eugene H. Shepard,	Alphens M. Spangler, *p. c.*	'88	'88	78	104	182	40	11	7	18	3	10	0	13	4	2
" Park st.,	1871	Ethan Brooks,	[Albert E. Fitch.]		'96	49	115	164	18	5	3	8	2	1	0	3	3	3
West Stockbridge, Centre,	1789	Mrs. E. S. Cline,	Walter W. Curtis,	'72	'90	4	19	23	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Village,	1833		Walter W. Curtis,	'72	'83	29	70	99	12	1	0	1	3	2	1	6	1	0
West Tisbury,	1673	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	Horace Parker, *p.*	'61	'92	28	70	98	18	4	1	5	0	1	0	1	4	1
Weymouth, 1st, **Heights,**	1623	Wm. E. Humphrey,	Robert R. Kendall, *p. c.*	'78	'91	26	72	98	25	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	0
" Old South, **South,**	1723	Alfred O. Crawford,	Henry C. Alvord, *p. c.*	'79	'86	44	113	157	33	5	3	8	4	5	0	9	3	0
" and Braintree,	1811	Miss Jessie Macgregor, *a*	W. Herbert Alexander, *p.*	'91	'93	34	128	162	26	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	0	0
" Union, **South,**	1842	John F. Vining,	Frank E. Butler,	'87	'96	52	123	175	33	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	2
" Pilgrim, **North,**	1852	Wilson E. Beane,				50	91	141	14	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	0	0
" **East,**	1860	Charles B. Cushing,	Daniel Evans, *p. c.*	'91	'91	76	170	246	45	2	0	2	3	1	0	4	2	0
Whately,	1771	Henry A. Wilder, *b*	George L. Dickinson, *p. c.*	'76	'90	57	104	161	29	3	12	15	3	3	0	6	1	1
Whitman,	1807	Benjamin F. Peterson,	Frank S. Hunnewell, *p.*	'88	'91	82	167	249	28	7	5	12	6	3	13	22	7	0
Wilbraham,	1741	Dea. Francis E. Clark,	Martin S. Howard, *p. c.*	'56	'68	53	85	138	53	3	0	3	1	4	0	5	1	0
" **North,**	1886	Merrick H. Cooley,	Henry B. Mason, *p.*	'92	'96	20	39	59	11	4	1	5	2	4	0	6	2	1
Williamsburg,	1771	Dea. Henry W. Hill,	Henry S. Snyder, *p. c.*	'85	'89	61	151	212	26	9	10	19	4	2	0	6	3	2
" **Haydenville,**	1851	H. C. Smith,	George H. Buck, *p.*	'94	'94	47	119	166	42	8	4	12	0	2	0	2	8	0
Williamstown, 1st,	1765	Dea. Chas. H. Mather,	William Slade, *p. c.*	'88	'91	104	228	332	96	6	5	11	7	4	0	11	2	0
" College,	1834	O. M. Fernald,				10	8	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" **South,**	1836	J. Cicero Torrey,	[James A. Lytle, *Lic.*]		'94	14	24	38	6	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0

a **East Braintree.** *b* **North Hatfield.** West Roxbury, *see* Boston.

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Webster,	John S. Gould,	268	180	160	70	226	55	54	378	81	48	51	165	1,058	1,000	2,500
Wellesley,	Charles E. Fuller,	225	150	190	155	684	88	64	453	82	33	29	15	1,448	0	3,926
" Hills,	T. Wallace Travis,	m117	83	109	70	664	22	21	61	309	22	0	542	1,641	0	4,140
Wellfleet,	Dea. Thomas Kemp,	112	60	100	30	37	4	0	31	0	0	0	20	92	0	1,000
" South,	Miss Nettie S. Paine,	46	24		0	6	0	0	5	0	0	0	12	23	0	325
Wendell,	G. A. Fleming,	55	28	50	24	2	1	1	7	1	1	1	2	16	0	281
Wenham,	Fred A. Williams,	135	64	125	40	52	2	24	30	35	10	0	20	173	100	1,200
Westboro,	Ira M. Beaman,	295	174	300	140	386	0	26	540	112	0	0	0	1,064	0	3,858
West Boylston,	Herbert A. Holmes,	112	58	130	42	38	23	165	221	68	25	0	85	625	0	1,875
West Brookfield,	William E. Smith,	137	96	150	51	35	17	11	161	69	11	9	225	538	0	1,841
Westfield, 1st,	Rev. J. H. Lockwood,	490	350	345	132	950	108	38	1,224	146	78	0	1,644	4,188	0	5,005
" 2d,	James R. Savery,	313	167	360	178	311	25	25	166	45	21	15	802	1,410	0	3,847
Westford,	Rev. A. A. Bickford,	90	48	80	29	36	8	0	12	24	5	0	8	93	0	800
Westhampton,	Henry A. Parsons,	164	86	105	0	332	10	27	228	149	25	7	41	819	0	1,200
Westminster,	Edward C. Damon,	120	80	100	48	50	8	0	145	53	7	0	25	288	0	1,375
W. Newbury, 1st,	Jarvis H. Gambrell,	191	135	80	120	40	13	27	127	47	33	0	0	287	0	900
" 2d,	Robert L. Smith,	185	95	170	81	50	0	0	50	0	13	0	41	154	50	1,367
Weston,	John C. MacDonald,	33	18	24	20	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	12	17	0	920
Westport,	Mrs. J. B. Parris,	89	51		32	31	0	0	55	31	0	0	4	121	0	
W. Springfield,	Harry L. Brown,	115	61	75	28	102	30	9	182	95	27	0	26	471	0	1,700
" Mittineague,	Edwin H. Phinney,	190	117	113	52	183	15	80	128	111	13	6	85	621	0	2,124
" Park st.,	Nelson Sherburne,	157	140	125	70	223	22	11	196	56	25	0	96	629	0	2,900
W. Stockbridge,	Mrs. N. S. Patterson,	17	14	29	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	150
" Village,	William N. Bartlett,	121	91	75	67	53	0	18	28	25	5	0	11	140	0	1,075
West Tisbury,	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	57	40	65	39	10	0	0	25	11	7	0	63	116	0	1,340
Weymouth, 1st,	Dea. Benj. F. Richards,	65	40	82	31	211	15	10	104	57	21	0	54	472	0	1,628
" Old South,	Matthew R. Loud,	160	112	130	60	219	40	35	96	48	0	0	43	481	0	2,025
" and Braint'e	Rev. W. H. Alexander,	132	76		69	100	20	0	302	32	27	0	104	585	0	2,830
" Un., South,	Louis A. Cook,	252	126	175	60	239	151	30	34	36	2	0	407	899	25,000	3,200
" Pilgrim,	Charles B. Seabury,	175	95	170	55	124	16	0	12	0	4	0	24	180	0	2,405
" East,	Charles D. Canterbury,	264	153	220	90	238	30	50	140	70	10	5	55	598	0	2,200
Whately,	H. S. Higgins, East Whately,	125	64	150	50	87	25	0	47	0	0	0	380	539	0	1,000
Whitman,	Carlos B. Faunce,	450	192	260	113	102	55	39	205	29	9	0	183	622	0	2,860
Wilbraham,	James F. Phelps,	61	40	75	23	20	0	9	32	9	0	0	33	103	0	1,347
" North,	J. M. Perry,	88	30	80	47	15	0	0	48	5	0	0	68	136	0	1,394
Williamsburg,	Frank Richards,	143	80	110	46	179	55	13	300	51	5	0	100	703	0	1,600
" Haydenville,	John E. Bennett,	211	100	120	48	61	45	8	81	18	20	0	367	600	100	1,500
Williamsto'n, 1st,	George B. Waterman,	225	109	200	50	629	312	60	460	179	114	0	0	1,754	0	2,862
" College,		0	0		0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	0	0
" South,	James A. Lytle,	105	45	48	28	0	0	0	10	0	5	0	0	15	0	375

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Williamstown, WhiteOaks,	'68	Mrs. Mary R. Hunter,	[Warren Morse, *Lic.*]		'92	21	50	71	19	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	1	0
Wilmington,	1733	Chester W. Clark,	Elijah Harmon, *p. c.*	'67	'85	34	83	117	15	7	3	10	3	0	0	3	4	16
Winchendon, 1st,	1762	Mrs. Lizzie E. Jones,	Gustavus W. Jones, *p. c.*	'69	'90	22	23	45	13	2	4	6	0	5	0	5	0	0
" North,	1843	Rev. Davis Foster,	Davis Foster, *p. c.*		'55	'67	75	178	253	45	13	0	13	4	3	11	18	6	3
Winchester,	1840	Rev. Edwin B. Palmer,	D. Augustine Newton, *p. c.*		'82	'89	199	348	547	63	20	17	37	9	11	0	20	6	17
Windsor,	1773	H. C. Cleveland,	Stephen M. Andrews, *p.*		'67	'90	12	22	34	7	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2
Woburn,	1642	Dea. J. G. Pollard,	Doremus Scudder, *p. c.*		'85	'95	239	426	665	105	19	16	35	10	12	0	22	8	4
" North,	1849	Dr. J. P. Bixby,					39	75	114	16	0	2	2	2	3	2	7	0	0
" *Scandinavian*,	1884	Gustaf Anderson,	Fritz Emil Peterson, *p. c.*		'94	'94	29	46	75	4	13	1	14	0	2	2	4	0	6
" Montvale,	1892	Dea. Wm. H. Huber,					8	17	25	3	4	0	4	0	3	0	3	2	2
Worcester, 1st,	1719	Wilton H. Merriam,	Arcturus Z. Conrad, *p. c.*		'85	'90	277	575	852	83	37	33	70	12	8	0	20	20	5
" Central,	1820	Clinton Alvord,	{ Daniel Merriman, *p. c.*		'68	'78	146	303	449	36	19	15	34	4	5	1	10	11	4
			{ Edw. M. Chapman, *p. c.*		'90	'93													
" Union,	1836	Dea. F. E. Kimball,					160	299	459	84	14	1	15	8	28	2	38	5	5
" Salem st.,	1848	Ephraim Tucker, jr.,					120	289	409	231	2	2	4	13	19	11	43	2	0
" Summer st.,	1865	Dea. Chas. L. Grover,	Orange C. Bailey, *p.*		'85	'94	36	69	105	8	7	5	12	5	4	0	9	4	4
" Plymouth,	1869	J. N. Greene,	Archibald McCullagh, *p.c.*		'71	'90	276	486	762		8	8	16	5	15	0	20	3	6
" Piedmont,	1872	Henry L. Miller,	Elijah Horr, *p. c.*		'64	'93	269	466	735	0	16	23	39	3	15	0	18	0	0
" *Swedish*, 1st,	1880	K. R. Wälström,	August L. Anderson, *p.*		'86	'94	110	145	255		24	4	28	0	40	7	47	0	26
" Pilgrim,	1885	Horace Hobbs,	Alexander Lewis, *p. c.*		'90	'96	157	301	458		20	20	40	4	10	0	14	7	12
" Park,	1887	Charles M. Smith,	Inman L. Wilcox, *p. c.*		'89	'91	53	147	200	40	5	14	19	1	5	0	6	2	2
" Covenant,	1889	William Allison,	John E. Hurlbut, *p.*		'75	'90	24	56	80	12	4	4	8	1	0	0	1	4	0
" Hope,	1889	Lincoln Galloway,	Ellsworth W. Phillips, *p. c.*		'91	'91	60	107	167	8	12	4	16	1	4	0	5	0	12
" Lake View,	1890	Fred. T. Russell,	John E. Dodge, *p. c.*		'83	'93	19	40	59	14	2	4	6	0	2	0	2	2	1
" Belmont,	1890	Henry M. Brownell,	William B. Olson, *p.*		'77	'94	48	76	124	23	10	9	19	0	9	0	9	8	3
" Bethany,	1891	G. Edward Thayer,	Albert G. Todd, *p.*		'90	'93	25	63	88	23	1	8	9	1	0	0	1	1	0
" *Armenian*,	1892	H. Avakian,					36	7	43	15	1	7	8	0	4	0	4	0	0
" Immanuel,	1893	Chas. H. Putnam,	George S. Dodge, *p. c.*		'72	'93	46	67	113	15	13	5	18	2	4	0	6	4	7
" *Swedish*, 2d,	1894	R. J. Johnson,	John Udd, *p. c.*		'96	'96	44	47	91	0	33	18	51	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthington,	1771	Albert J. Randall,	Edward C. Camp *p.*		'94	'94	39	96	135	37	1	2	3	5	2	0	7	1	1
Wrentham,	1692	Chas. E. Brown,	Edward C. Hood, *p.*		'74	'92	38	114	152	22	13	4	17	4	1	0	5	9	1
Yarmouth,	1639	A. H. Eldridge, 2d,	Edward L. Marsh, *p. c.*		'93	'92	27	115	142	21	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	4	0
" West,	1840	Miss Abbie B. Crowell,	Henry S. Kimball, *p.*		'66	'92	6	7	13	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0

Whitinsville, *see* Northbridge. Wollaston, *see* Quincy. Woods Holl, *see* Falmouth.

CHANGES from last *Year-Book's* list of churches: *Added*, — Worcester, 2d, *Swedish*. *Omitted*, — Hadley, Russell. *Changed*, — Baldwinville is no longer a part of Templeton.

CHURCHES: 281 with pastors installed by council; 224 with pastors otherwise inducted; 15 with supplies; 69 vacant (including 27 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations). Total, 589.

MINISTERS: 287 pastors installed by council; 214 pastors otherwise inducted; 15 supplies; 270 others. Total, 786.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 35,038 males; 75,141 females. Total, 110,179, including 17,216 absent. Gain, 705.

ADDITIONS: 3,786 by confession; 2,964 by letter. Total, 6,750.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Will'mst'n, W. O.	Frederick C. Lindley,	126	62	98	56	10	0	2	35	6	8	0	9	70	0	207
Wilmington,	Charles J. Sargent,	180	91	145	51	12	5	4	29	4	5	2	28	89	0	1,285
Winchendon, 1st,	George B. Stone,	50	36	50	27	73	5	5	30	36	5	5	26	185	0	500
" North,	Dea. Henry S. Allen,	298	162	200	71	467	10	50	354	185	10	0	327	1,403	0	2,737
Winchester,	E. Lawrence Barnard,	437	300	330	110	1,628	190	203	1,232	547	206	129	1,826	5,961	0	10,952
Windsor,	C. B. Goodell,	m95	68	88	51	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	14	0	370
Woburn,	John R. Carter,	575	367	600	170	687	102	50	714	202	28	20	215	2,018	0	5,435
" North,	Benjamin F. Kimball,	186	112	115	70	35	19	0	72	0	11	0	32	169	0	1,500
" *Scand.*,	A. J. Simonson,	85	50	35	20	29	0	4	0	0	0	0	45	78	0	979
" Montvale,	William F. Greenough,	60	49	90	35	0	0	0	50	5	0	0	3	58	0	425
Worcester, 1st,	Charles D. Nye,	734	432	810	244	700	271	113	819	362	55	0	720	3,040	0	13,600
" Central,	U. W. Cutler,	590	288	430	57	645	130	120	1,600	197	0	0	3,274	5,966	0	12,087
" Union,	Daniel C. Turner,	288	152	370	33	1,302	170	98	2,660	450	60	41	1,075	5,856	0	8,650
" Salem st.,	Charles D. Parke,	250	125		40	46	82	0	120	36	0	0	0	284	10	5,000
" Summer st.,	Edward L. Smith,	137	92	90	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,400
" Plymouth,	Edward Whitney,	466	281	420	123	1,261	1,031	163	4,347	468	284	157	10,404	18,115	0	14,397
" Piedmont,	Horatio L. Miller,	544	373	600	157	754	102	44	2,490	208	80	0	3,669	7,347	0	12,550
" *Swed.*, 1st,	Eric Ljungquist,	382	300		0	0	0	6	71	0	0	0	698	775	0	1,902
" Pilgrim,	John T. Brierly,	720	450	500	130	580	0	0	210	68	64	0	278	1,200	0	9,000
" Park,	C. M. Smith,	317	157	300	80	75	19	0	158	16	11	0	50	329	0	4,000
" Covenant,	Henry L. Scribner,	178	100	120	34	6	0	0	16	0	0	0	15	37	0	948
" Hope,	Frank A. Thompson,	316	176	165	90	96	0	0	98	40	6	0	13	253	0	1,939
" LakeView,	John A. Sherman,	247	129	131	97	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	50	54	0	2,000
" Belmont,	Edward W. Wilder,	165	85	100	75	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	58	0	2,330
" Bethany,	Charles H. Hill,	85	50	91	64	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	24	42	0	1,502
" *Armenian*,	M. S. T. Nahigian,	36	20	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	332	332	0	309
" Immanuel,	John G. Murdock,	187	137	150	75	93	0	27	60	35	25	0	108	348	0	1,100
" *Swed.*, 2d,	A. P. Anderson,	200			40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthington,	Perley A. Skelton,	109	65	79	36	72	0	0	28	45	0	0	36	181	0	975
Wrentham,	Nathan H. Fales, **Pondville,**	180	99	140	105	61	5	21	131	20	15	8	259	520	0	2,073
Yarmouth,	Miss Maria Matthews,	87	60		47	48	5	5	325	20	25	0	0	428	0	1,700
" West,	Dea. Isaiah Crowell,	38	27	27	0	5	0	0	6	5	0	0	4	20	0	275

REMOVALS: 1,849 by death; 2,650 by dismissal; 936 by discipline. Total, 5,435.

BAPTISMS: 1,336 adult; 1,661 infant.

IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Members, 118,379. Gain, 52. Average, 69,581.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number, 547; 40,093 members.

FAMILIES: 575 churches reporting (563 last year), 87,930. Loss, 191.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 575 churches reporting (574 last year): Foreign, $168,012; Education, $35,826; Church Building, $15,939; Home, $191,261; A. M. A., $47,244; Sunday School, $14,638; Ministerial Aid, $6,178; Other, $217,163. Total, $696,261. Increase, $65,015.

BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $102,619.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 561 churches reporting (578 last year), $1,540,975. Decrease, $125,483.

ORGANIZATION: THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUMMARIES.

THE CONFERENCES.		THE MINISTERS.					MEMBERS.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				BAPTISMS.	
Name.	Year of Organization.	Churches.	With P. C.'s	With P.'s	With other Supplies.	Unsupplied.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Confession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Letter.	Discipline.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.
Andover,	1859	27	17	5	0	5	1,935	4,327	6,262	1,143	337	169	506	100	152	79	331	170	117
Barnstable,	1828	23	4	13	1	5	379	1,208	1,587	331	29	11	40	42	16	4	62	25	35
Berkshire, N.,	1867	17	7	5	0	5	1,181	2,196	3,377	489	83	71	154	54	54	20	128	35	36
" S.,	1860	20	3	6	6	5	696	1,394	2,090	364	47	29	76	43	45	16	104	24	37
Brookfield,	1821	22	11	7	0	4	1,003	2,206	3,209	640	159	72	231	69	71	2	142	93	40
Essex, N.,	1828	27	19	8	0	0	1,514	3,543	5,057	574	108	80	188	72	71	20	163	78	42
" S.,	1827	37	25	7	0	5	1,642	4,469	6,111	976	255	116	371	116	98	37	251	141	81
Franklin,	1843	28	6	19	0	3	1,248	2,311	3,559	624	91	88	179	78	109	3	190	60	46
Hampden,	1850	47	28	11	2	6	3,043	6,216	9,259	1,424	332	308	640	155	337	130	622	153	134
Hampshire,	1865	17	8	9	0	0	1,127	2,573	3,700	549	76	96	172	60	79	3	142	43	41
" E.,	1860	16	5	9	0	2	1,091	1,787	2,878	618	38	48	86	54	67	25	146	24	17
Mendon,	1858	13	4	7	0	2	607	1,549	2,156	359	37	45	82	30	43	10	83	16	29
Middlesex, S.,	1828	21	14	5	0	2	1,201	2,642	3,843	698	167	82	249	78	105	6	189	93	50
" Union,	1853	22	7	14	0	1	1,167	2,382	3,549	551	94	88	182	74	71	11	156	41	41
Norfolk,	1827	34	12	15	1	6	1,872	3,900	5,772	775	155	97	252	106	117	39	262	77	60
Old Colony,	1856	17	5	10	0	2	582	1,470	2,052	255	65	33	98	51	34	16	101	29	19
Pilgrim,	1830	14	6	6	2	0	273	870	1,143	210	19	15	34	32	21	11	64	10	6
Suffolk, N.,	1861	26	17	5	0	4	2,598	5,556	8,154	1,123	297	273	570	110	252	117	479	85	183
" S.,	1860	26	17	9	0	0	2,244	4,939	7,183	1,010	350	288	638	90	214	76	380	154	175
" W.,	1873	24	20	3	0	1	2,893	5,619	8,512	1,327	236	317	553	99	195	212	506	91	121
Taunton,	1849	24	11	11	0	2	1,005	2,293	3,298	499	135	70	205	45	63	20	128	85	80
Woburn,	1848	23	10	9	0	4	1,834	3,731	5,565	808	215	235	450	80	119	9	208	94	108
Worcester	1852	31	12	16	3	0	2,590	4,905	7,495	980	316	228	544	116	217	22	355	130	106
" N.,	1827	16	6	7	0	3	603	1,290	1,893	380	85	61	146	37	45	44	126	58	15
" S.,	1828	16	7	8	0	1	698	1,754	2,452	507	60	44	104	58	55	4	117	27	42
Associated with R. I.,		1	0	0	0	1	12	11	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total,		589	281	224	15	69	35,038	75,141	110,179	17,216	3,786	2,964	6,750	1,849	2,650	936	5,435	1,336	1,661

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Name.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Church Building.	Home Missions.	Am. Mis. Association.	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Aid.	Other.	Total.	Legacies.	Home Expenditures.
Andover,	$4,934	$1,251	$772	$8,924	$2,114	$643	$217	$12,039	$30,894	$0	$73,451
Barnstable,	665	28	35	857	83	58	6	658	2,390	1,100	18,599
Berkshire, N.,	4,555	1,524	516	5,678	1,577	610	149	5,600	20,209	0	39,312
" S.,	2,160	342	167	1,690	932	180	81	1,424	6,976	4,300	21,268
Brookfield,	4,398	819	631	6,052	2,145	406	74	2,794	17,319	1,800	33,985
Essex, N.,	14,360	455	617	4,567	1,262	387	42	5,645	27,335	8,625	58,383
" S.,	6,993	1,186	701	8,544	1,952	625	214	7,482	27,697	1,400	84,575
Franklin,	2,024	883	250	1,857	716	294	163	1,384	7,571	10,093	33,909
Hampden,	11,418	3,321	1,106	15,387	2,815	1,442	904	60,456	96,849	1,500	126,851
Hampshire,	4,408	533	457	4,120	1,921	308	113	2,469	14,329	1,100	34,389
" E.,	3,224	239	141	3,049	933	176	120	1,859	9,741	1,000	20,212
Mendon,	1,095	172	196	1,421	718	232	64	2,057	5,955	0	44,491
Middlesex, S.,	4,161	641	976	5,233	1,282	311	167	7,059	19,830	700	43,784
" Union,	2,650	359	463	3,038	1,067	372	114	2,915	10,978	3,600	51,185
Norfolk,	4,855	936	567	5,476	1,898	631	77	5,712	20,152	43,481	74,212
Old Colony,	1,805	164	94	3,168	360	149	255	2,126	8,121	240	27,230
Pilgrim,	742	77	107	392	354	122	17	781	2,592	10,000	14,392
Suffolk, N.,	10,615	8,875	827	13,161	1,727	1,355	384	12,903	49,847	2,000	134,697
" S.,	14,897	2,871	1,924	16,994	3,535	1,152	946	10,747	53,066	613	124,541
" W.,	39,895	3,809	2,476	41,811	9,246	2,317	871	27,454	127,879	5,000	177,530
Taunton,	4,992	1,980	371	10,482	1,550	423	308	8,808	28,914	2,000	51,306
Woburn,	4,903	957	693	7,122	2,937	637	293	9,109	28,651	2,000	74,034
Worcester,	7,558	2,190	910	14,627	2,512	772	360	22,483	51,412	251	119,661
" N.,	1,145	143	144	1,547	499	88	20	1,259	4,845	16	28,501
" S.,	7,560	2,071	796	6,064	3,109	948	219	1,940	22,707	1,800	30,214
Associated with R. I.,	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	263
Total,	$168,012	$35,826	$15,939	$191,261	$47,244	$14,638	$6,178	$217,163	$696,261	$102,619	$1,540,975

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Name.	Members.	Av. Attendance.	Families.	Y. P. S. C. E.	
				No.	Mem's.
Andover	6,554	3,919	4,602	24	2,117
Barnstable	1,672	982	1,464	17	622
Berkshire, N	3,493	2,317	2,472	14	1,004
" S	1,702	1,124	1,428	15	772
Brookfield	3,374	1,930	2,511	18	1,214
Essex, N	5,536	3,043	5,174	34	1,998
" S	8,031	4,711	5,732	36	2,896
Franklin	3,707	2,053	3,025	27	1,215
Hampden	9,083	5,457	6,702	41	3,002
Hampshire	2,919	1,731	2,688	17	1,037
" E	2,097	1,219	1,560	14	858
Mendon	2,227	1,265	2,088	11	814
Middlesex, S	3,691	2,244	2,912	18	1,277
" Union	3,380	1,999	2,597	21	1,302
Norfolk	7,478	4,217	4,641	34	2,488
Old Colony	2,223	1,480	2,092	16	925
Pilgrim	1,318	698	1,222	14	534
Suffolk, N	10,276	5,755	7,435	25	2,936
" S	8,629	5,409	5,753	25	3,158
" W	6,793	4,210	4,082	21	2,153
Taunton	4,336	2,574	3,082	23	1,328
Woburn	6,769	4,059	4,881	23	2,389
Worcester	8,139	4,476	6,213	29	2,214
" N	1,914	1,141	1,565	14	763
" S	2,538	1,528	2,009	15	1,036
Associated with Rhode Island	79	40		1	40
Total	118,379	69,581	87,930	547	40,093

SUMMARIES OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED.

YEARS.	Churches.				Ministers.							Sabbath Schools.		Benevolent Contributions.	
	Number		Members.		The Pastorate				Deaths.						
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without Installation.	Pastors by C.	Pastors.	Others.	Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
1896.	1	1	705	—	10	25	22	1	16	1	3	18	52	—	$65,015 00	—
1895.	5	3	1,950	—	8	21	17	1	26	1	3	22	422	—	—	$44,638 00
1894.	8	0	1,581	—	15	35	30	2	15	2	1	15	1,429	—	—	176,171 00
1893.	8	2	629	—	9	22	20	0	12	0	1	7	—	995	194,507 00	—
1892.	9	1	1,655	—	21	24	24	2	8	2	1	11	—	1,404	—	17,737 00
1891.	6	2	1,999	—	11	24	17	2	9	2	0	10	1,914	—	17,206 00	—
1890.	5	1	1,190	—	17	29	24	2	5	2	3	13	1,849	—	16,902 00	—
1889.	17	0	2,461	—	4	32	20	2	12	2	4	11	934	—	20,449 00	—
1888.	6	2	1,295	—	10	24	25	2	2	2	2	16	2,410	—	—	28,871 35
1887.	1	2	1,425	—	12	22	39	3	4	3	0	7	1,048	—	110,514 49	—
1886.	4	2	1,262	—	11	18	22	0	1	0	1	7	588	—	—	4,394 72
1885.	3	1	3,375	—	8	33	31	2	3	2	0	11	3,355	—	100,919 45	—
1884.	3	2	—	1,945	9	28	26	3	3	3	1	12	1,816	—	23,341 82	—
1883.	0	1	957	—	15	26	27	5	3	5	1	13	2,941	—	137,601 71	—
1882.	4	0	1,276	—	6	14	11	6	3	1	0	5	—	10,999	—	41,877 74
1881.	2	1	—	1,477	15	31	26	3	4	3	3	14	5,232	—	45,231 77	—
1880.	2	4	—	348	12	28	32	7	3	7	0	12	655	—	22,000 27	—
1879.	1	2	319	—	15	28	36	2	9	2	1	18	—	349	15,170 77	—
1878.	4	1	3,995	—	13	35	43	2	6	2	0	10	3,723	—	—	75,297 55
1877.	7	2	2,519	—	7	25	48	5	7	5	2	8	754	—	—	16,274 77
1876.	4	0	787	—	9	29	47	4	14	4	1	10	—	1,119	—	15,929 92
1875.	11	2	1,688	—	11	19	37	2	4	2	*	8	4,514	—	22,705 17	—
1874.	3	2	1,015	—	10	33	34	11	6	11		11	2,150	—	—	42,248 88
1873.	6	2	11	—	21	33	36	6	4	6		13	—	687	—	2,119 87
1872.	2	0	870	—	10	43	39	7	3	7		13	332	—	98,649 52	—
1871.	2	3	517	—	9	43	53	3	5	3		5	—	2,293	2,010 21	—
1870.	6	4	9	—	16	25	46	9	5	9		14	—	700	37,726 82	—
1869.	7	3	531	—	17	42	50	2	3	2		15	404	—	Unk'n	
1868	3	3	1,692	—	17	37	46	1	8	1		5	2,620	—	"	
1867.	5	2	2,879	—	12	33	59	2	10	2		15	3,713	—	"	
1866.	9	5	—	263	10	27	32	5		5		13	920	—	"	
1865.	8	8	1,099	—						1		6	—	775	"	
1860.	6	3	—	413						9		6	—	161		
1855.	5	1	532	—						6		6	940	—		
1851	2	2	2,467	—									2,249	—		

NOTE. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, — the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they *were* to what they *should* have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

* Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES.

Year.	Churches.					Ministers.				Church Members, Jan. 1.				Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		In Sab. Schs.		Benevolent Contributions.
	With P. C.	With P.	With S.	Vacant.	Total.	P. C.	P.	S.	Others.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death	Dism.	Disc.	Total.	Adult	Infant	Mem.	Av. Att.	
1896	281	224	15	69	589	287	214	15	270	786	35,638	75,141	110,179	17,216	3,786	2,964	6,750	1,849	2,650	936	5,435	1,326	1,661	118,379	69,581	$696,261
1895	273	215	22	79	589	280	210	21	267	778	34,461	75,013	109,474	17,014	4,106	3,282	7,388	1,843	2,633	952	5,448	1,964	1,802	118,327	70,262	631,246
1894	267	203	27	90	587	271	194	22	293	780	34,032	73,492	107,524	16,957	3,733	3,260	6,993	1,935	2,736	721	5 386	1,849	1,804	117,905	70,790	675,884
1893	267	198	16	98	579	276	184	16	342	818	33,598	72,345	105,943	17,125	3,324	3,066	6,390	2,074	2,506	850	5,430	1,654	1,452	116,476	69,323	852,655
1892	265	195	11	102	573	275	199	11	315	800	33,433	71,881	105,314	15,865	3,617	3,170	6,787	1,916	2,721	475	5,112	1,840	1,543	117,471	68,640	657,548
1891	272	176	16	101	565	283	181	15	286	767	32,896	71,063	103,659	17,206	3,530	3,043	6,573	1,757	2,604	479	4,840	1,883	1,674	118,875	72,041	675,285
1890	268	190	23	80	561	278	178	22	276	754	32,133	69,527	101,660	17,595	3,836	3,159	6,995	1,754	2,744	913	5,411	1,930	1,377	116,961	68,574	658,979
1889	264	177	45	93	557	264	177	45	220	706	31,592	68,878	100 470	15,838	3,718	2,760	6,478	1,780	2,513	337	4,630	1,838	1,258	115,712	66,899	641,177
1888	261	204		75	540	277	165		236	678	29,465	64,712	97,707	15,541	3,882	2,839	6,721	1,788	2,313	185	4,286	2,013	1,229	114,178		678,950
1887	258	178		99	535	282	157		259	698	29,029	63,967	96,412	15 836	3,733	2,688	6,421	1,537	2,114	189	3,856	1,905	961	111,768		707,821
1886	277	189		70	536	289	165		211	665	28,577	62,697	94,987	15,931	3,752	2,687	6,440	1,688	2,170	150	4,011	1,843	1,025	110,720		597,307
1885	283	166		85	534	297	178		186	661	28,857	63,423	93,725	15,239	3,013	2,503	5,519	1,603	1,979	168	3,752	1,414	1,008	110,182		601,702
1884	283	169		80	532	300	155		186	641	27,777	62,573	90,350	13,877	2,800	2,071	4,871	1,587	1,979	141	3,707	1,451	800	106,827		500,782
1883	278	160		93	531	265	153		202	620	30,957	61,338	92,295	14,872	2,371	2,180	4,551	1,585	1,861	148	3,594	1,051	837	105,011		477,440
1882	274	178		80	532	278	143		215	636	28,073	61,135	91,238	14,392	2,153	2 001	4,168	1,682	1,724	137	3,539	1,103	966	94,977		349,839
1881	269	164		95	528	264	149		228	641	28,494	61,468	89,962	14,390	1,631	1,940	3,571	1,410	1,592	145	3,147	874	842	105,976		391,716
1880	280	171		75	526	284	164		185	633	29,045	62,394	91,439	14,584	1,761	1,835	3,596	1,454	1,745	151	3,350	922	968	100,744		346,485
1879	282	180		66	528	286	174		195	655	29,212	62,575	91,787	14,764	2,421	1,869	4,290	1,401	1,669	116	3,186	1,235	954	10,089		324,484
1878	277	174		78	529	280	169		194	643	28,995	62,473	91,468	14,100	5,698	2,577	8,275	1,418	2,066	159	3,643	3,103	1,353	100,438	62,290	309,314
1877	269	174		83	526	275	171		196	642	27,479	59,994	87,473	12,833	4,407	2,085	6,492	1,517	1,897	178	3,502	2,480	1,078	96,715		384,611
1876	289	163		69	521	292	162		187	641	26,580	58,374	84,954	13,177	3,103	2,244	5,347	1,531	2,163	89	3,783	1,616	1,153	95,961	61,391	400,886
1875	301	134		80	517	305	134		167	606	26,346	57,821	84,167	12,777	3,869	2,739	6,608	1,391	2 295	94	3,780	2,137	1,111	97,160	62,295	416,816
1874	307	116		85	508	314	116		166	596	25,810	56,669	82,479	12 506	2,329	2,279	4,608	1,380	1,902	67	3,349	1,112	1,012	92,646	60,030	394,111
1873	307	127		73	507	316	127		173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13 305	2,713	2,438	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,287	915	90,496	58,405	436,359
1872	299	123		81	503	304	123		164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13.874	2,569	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3,606	1,236	882	91,183	61,571	438,479
1871	292	134		75	501	297	134		166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2,099	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,851	61,443	439,830
1870	294	119		89	502	298	117		176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,820
1869	311	116		73	500	314	115		172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11,970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61,148	300,093
1868	301	113		82	496	307	112		156	575	24,734	54,792	79,526	11,509	3,513	2,163	5,676	1,170	2,122	58	3,350	1,928	1,072	93,440	62,782	298,533
1867	295	114		87	496	300	113		154	567	24,082	53,752	77,834	11,695	4,044	2,316	6,960	1,220	2,051	114	4,385	2,314	1,168	90,820	61,407	315,322
1866	310	109		74	493	316	107		166	589	25,177	51,178	74,955	11,147	2,153	1,696	3,749	1,307	1,703	98	3,108	1,010	987	87,107	60,036	392,244
1865	313	100		76	489	318	101		147	566	23,488	51,730	75,218	11,706	3,030	1,790	4,820	1,454	1,675	124	3,253	1,467	1,023	85,187	58,284	
1860	325	81		82	488	333	78		176	587	24,217	51,302	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3,110	780	1,293	80,124		
1855	351	54		62	467	366	55		135	556	20,999	45,218	69,509	8,756	1,713	1,618	3,331	1,119	1,674	97	2,890	737	1,254	66,147		
1850	347	58		56	461	356	56						64,830		1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	64,178		
1845					440								65,467											62,108		
1840					408								62,513											62,305		
1835					387								49,089											44,040		
1830					347								37,987											34,787		

In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sabbath School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of *churches, members*, and of *Sabbath schools* was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. The number of churches "Vacant" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

1. ANDOVER, Organized July 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester.	W. C.
James Alexander,	'82, May 7.	'88.	*Newport, N. H.*	P.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	'95, Feb. 26.	Dracut.	P. C.
Cecil F. P. Bancroft,	'67, May 1.	'90, Sept. 23.	Andover.	Prof.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 27.	N. Andover.	P. C.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'89, May 28.	Lawrence.	W. C.
Park A. Bradford,	'79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.	Tyngsboro.	P.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.	'90, April 8.	North Chelmsford.	P.
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May.	Andover.	W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	'73, June 3.	Andover.	C. M.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'89, Sept. 24.	Lawrence.	P. C.
J. Wesley Churchill,	'69, April 30.	'82, April 11.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Thomas G. A. Coté,	'71, April 9.	'82, April 11.	Lowell.	W. C.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.	'84, Dec. 2.	Boston.	P. C.
John C. Evans,	'93, June 19.	'94, Feb. 27,	Ward Hill.	P. C.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell.	P. C.
Daniel W. Hardy,	'74, Oct. 20.	'95, Dec. 3.	Billerica.	P.
Edward Y. Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell.	P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover.	W. C.
George H. Johnson,	'77, July 6.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P. C.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.	'90, Sept. 23.	Pigeon Cove.	P.
Willis D. Leland,	'80, Jan. 23.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles L. Merriam,	'82, Sept. 13.	'92, June.	Lowell.	P. C.
Selah Merrill,	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	Andover.	W. C.
Charles L. Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	Winchester.	W. C.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2,	'95, May 28.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Lewis W. Morey,	'82, Sept. 6.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	W. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	'76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen.	P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, June.	Andover.	W. C.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover.	P. C.
John Phelps Taylor,	'68, Nov. 12.	'85, Nov. 3.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles H. Willcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.

1. Andover (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Worcester Willey,	'44, Oct. 14.	'72, Oct. 4.	Andover.	W. C.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover.	P. C.
William E. Wolcott,	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof.

Licentiates.—1892: George M. Bocles.—1893: S. K. Adalian, Burton S. Gilman, Tomoyoshi Murai, James H. Ropes, Clifford G. Twombly,.—1894: George I. Adams, George O. Bliss, Charles A. Breck, William J. Long, Angus M. McDonald, Andrew H. Mulnix, Charles S. Rich.—1895: James M. Blue, Arthur S. Burrill, John C. Campbell, Joseph A. Goodrich, John P. Manwell, Morrison E. Meriam, Julian H. Olmstead, Arthur Truslow.—1896: George H. Baker, George S. Ball, William T. Bartley, Frank E. Drake, Norman H. Dutcher, Edgar B. French, Byron F. Gustin, Frank W. Hodgdon, Albert W. Howes, Haleh H. Loud, Henry G. Megathlin, George A. Merrill, Frank N. Saltmarsh, Henry H. Walker.

Stated Meetings.—First Tuesday in December and fourth Tuesdays in February, May, and September.

Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, Andover, scribe.

2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.
Stephen M. Andrews,	'67, May 21.	'90, Sept. 16.	Windsor.	P.
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.	'85, Sept. 16.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45, Feb. 19.	'77, Dec. 3.	*Washington, D. C.*	W. C.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	*Baltimore, Md.* Dean Coll.	
Theodore W. Harris,	'89, Mar.	'93, Mar. 7.	*New Lebanon, N. Y.*	P.
Samuel Harrison,	'50, Aug. 13.	'52, Nov. 8.	Pittsfield.	P.
Lucien C. Kimball,	'87, June 17.	'92, Dec. 6.	Middlefield.	P. C.
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16,	Hinsdale.	P. C.
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P.
William E. Morse,	'86, May 1.	'90, Dec. 2.	Dudley.	P.
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, Apr. 10.	'94, June 12.	Adams.	P. C.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
William Slade,	'88, Sept. 18.	'93, Feb. 21.	Williamstown.	P. C.
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Edward Strong,	'42, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 7.	Pittsfield.	W. C.
William L. Tenney,	'88, Sept. 20.	'95, Dec. 20.	North Adams.	P. C.

Stated Meetings.—In March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Laird, Hinsdale, scribe and treasurer.

3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Arthur J. Benedict,	'75, May 25.	'93, Jan. 31.	Housatonic.	P.
Irving A. Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15.	'92, Oct. 25.	Monterey.	P. C.
William Carr,	'80, Sept. 1.	'94, April 24.	*Taftville, Ct.*	P.
Albert J. Chittenden,	'62, Sept. 28.	'94, April 24.	Mill River.	P.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbridge.	P.
J. Jay Dana,	'35, Sept. 9.	'86, Jan. 26.	Housatonic.	W. C.
Edward Day,	'86, Sept. 15.	'91, Jan. 27.	Lenox.	P. C.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
Alonzo J. Lamb,	'93, July 26.	'95, Oct. 29.	Sandisfield.	P.
Telesphore Levique,	'91, April 1.	'93, May 2.	*Troy, N. Y.*	W. C.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	*Bridgeport, Ct.*	W. C.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Lenox.	W. C.
Frederick R. Marvin,	'78, April 18.	'87, Oct. 25.	*Troy, N. Y.*	W. C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.	Lee.	P. C.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	*Madura.*	Missionary.

Licentiate. — William J. Bartlett, Lee, lay preacher, Nov. 10, 1891.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Edward Day, Lenox, scribe and treasurer.

4. Brookfield, Organized June 22, 1757.

Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15.	'91, April 21.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	'93, Oct. 24.	Holland.	P.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	'96, Jan. 14.	Brookfield.	P. C.
Sidney A. Burnaby,	'81, Sept. 21.	'94, July 3.	Southbridge.	P. C.
D. Olin Clark,	'78, June 11.	'86, Nov. 15.	Worcester.	W. C.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'93, Apr. 18.	N. Brookfield.	P. C.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	'94, Jan. 16.	W. Brookfield.	P.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	'79, Oct. 15.	Barre.	P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'92, April 19.	Warren.	P. C.
Jasper P. Harvey,	'80, May 19.	'91, Jan. 13.	*Columbia, Ct.*	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	'81, April 19.	Globe Village.	P. C.
Edmond C. Ingalls,	'77, July 16.	'89, July 9.	*Colchester, Ct.*	P.
Augustus M. Rice,	'78, Dec. 17.	'94, July 3.	Sturbridge.	P.
Martin L. Richardson,	'60, Mar. 7.	'63, Sept. 13.	Montague.	P.
Laurent E. Rivard,	'94, June 19.	'95, April 16.	Ware.	P. C.
Uriel W. Small,	'59, Sept. 22.	'91, Jan. 13.	Boston.	P.
Joseph J. Spencer,	'91, June 11.	'91, Oct. 6.	N. Brookfield.	P. C.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	'89, Jan. 5.	Springfield.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October

Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Brookfield, scribe.

5. Cape Cod (Barnstable, 1792; Brewster, 1832; Vineyard Sound, 1836), Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'82, Jan. 31.	Hyannis.	P.
Samuel B. Andrews,	'68, June 20.	'90, April 15.	Chatham.	P.
Lewis P. Atwood,	'55, April 3.	'85, Jan. 21.	*Lowell, Vt.*	P.
Samuel W. Clarke,	'74, Jan. 16.	'92, July 19.	W. Barnstable.	P.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.	'94, July 17.	S. Dennis.	P.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, April 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
Henry P. Cutting,	'45, June 10.	'96, Jan. 21.	Harwichport.	P.
George S. Dodge,	'93, June 6.	'94, Jan. 16.	Woods Holl.	P.
Albert Donnell,	'83, June 20.	'96, Jan. 21.	Wellfleet.	P.
William Harris,	'76, June 10.	'96, Jan. 21.	Truro.	P.
John W. Hayley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'95, Jan. 15.	Lowell.	W. C.
Artemas J. Haynes,	'94, Oct. 2.	'94, Oct 16.		P.
William R. Joyslin,	'64, Feb. 4.	'92, April 19.	Charlemont.	P.
Henry S. Kimball,	'66, May 31.	'95, Oct. 29.	Hyannis.	P.
Edward L. Marsh,	'92, Aug. 30.	'92, Oct. 18.	Yarmouth.	P. C.
E. Irving Racket,	'94, May 9.	'94, July 17.	Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rea,	'73, Aug. 8.	'79, Jan. 28.	*Exeter, N. H.*	W. C.
Ezra J. Riggs,	'79, July 10.	'91, Nov. 10.	Provincetown.	P.
Robert Samuel,	'59, Nov. 3.	'84, Oct. 28.	Brewster.	W. C.
Ezra N. Smith,	'72, June 12.	'92, April 19.	N. Falmouth.	P.
John C. Staples,	'80, July 6.	'91, April 21.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'95, Aug. 20.	Falmouth.	P. C.
Chas. H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William H. Woodwell,	'73, June 12.	'89, June 11.	Sandwich.	P.

Licentiate. — William B. Parker, Cambridge, '95.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Ezra N. Smith, N. Falmouth, secretary.

6. Essex North, Organized September 6, 1761.

Charles Beecher,	'44, Nov. 2.	'57, Dec. 22.	Georgetown.	W. C.
George Benedict,	'83, Oct. 9.	'92, Dec. 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Louis F. Berry,	'94, June 26.	'94, Dec. 18.	Groveland.	P.
Isaac N. Carleton,	*Licentiate.*	'87, April 19.	Bradford.	Teacher.
George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Amesbury.	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec. 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, Jan. 19.	'93, Oct. 17.	Rowley.	P.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'88, Feb. 21.	Acton.	P. C.
F. Lincoln Davis,	'93, Nov. 8.	'94, April 17.	Ward Hill.	P. C.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Daniel T. Fiske,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	P. C.

6. Essex North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20.	West Boxford.	P. C.
Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	Andover.	P.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	P. C.
Charles E. Lord,	'44, May 8.	'90, Dec. 16.	Newburyport.	W. C.
John N. Lowell,	'77, Nov. 21.	'81, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	P.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, Jan. 20.	'92, April 19.	Georgetown.	P. C.
Charles P. Mills,	'80, Sept. 23.	'80, Dec. 21.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.	West Newbury.	P.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'92, April 19.	West Newbury.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 25.	'90, Dec. 16.	Lynn.	P.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'76, June 20.	Winchester. Tr. H. M. Soc.	
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.	*Aintab.*	Prof.
Myron O. Patton,	'94, May 29,	'95, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.
John Pike,	'38, April 25.	'42, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
George H. Reed,	'87, June 3.	'92, April 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
John H. Reid,	'90, Aug. 10.	'93, Feb. 21.	Newburyport.	P.
George L. Richmond,	'87, Oct. 10.	'90, April 15.	Amesbury.	P. C.
Francis W. Sanborn,	'78, Dec. 18.	'85, Dec. 16.	Newbury.	P. C.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21.	*Atkinson, N. H.*	P.
Egbert C. Smyth,	'56, July 23.	'67, April 19.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
John Rounds Smith,	'92, Sept. 1.	'93, Feb. 21.	Salem.	W. C.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.	'93, April 18.	Merrimac.	P. C.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.	Byfield.	P. C.
C. Julian Tuthill,	'94, May 1.	'95, Dec. 17.	Georgetown.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Haverhill, scribe.

7. Essex South and Salem (Essex South, September 3, 1717; Salem, October 15, 1840), Organized by union, December 1, 1885.

Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.	'89, May 14.	Rockport.	P. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford P. C. Linebrook.	
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 3.	'96, Mar. 10.	West Peabody.	P.
William A. Bacon,	'95, Oct. 1.	'95, Nov. 12.	Beverly.	P.
S. Linton Bell,	'76, Jan. 5.	'81, April 1.	Marblehead.	P. C.
Emery L. Bradford,	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.	Boxford.	P. C.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.	Salem.	P. C.
John W. Buckham,	'88, Aug. 9.	'91, Jan. 13.	Salem.	P. C.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	P.
Lyndon S. Crawford,	'79, Aug. 20.	'84, Jan. 8.	*Broosa, W. Turkey.*	F. M.
Allen E. Cross,	'92, Dec. 29.	'92, Jan. 12.	Springfield.	P.

7. Essex South and Salem (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	Ipswich.	P.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.		W. C.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31.	'96, Mar. 10.	Magnolia.	P. C.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Danvers Centre.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'95, Mar. 12.	Manchester.	P. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Lynnfield Centre.	P. C.
Curtis M. Geer,	'90, June 25.	'95, Mar. 12.	Danvers Centre.	P.
Willis A. Hadley,	'78, Aug. 21.	'94, May 9.	Lynn.	P. C.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.	'86, Dec. 1.	Peabody.	P. C.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
Frederick A. Holden,	'85, Sept. 18.	'92, Nov. 15.	*Burlington, Ct.*	P.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.	'79, Jan. 14.	Swampscott.	P. C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Peabody.	P. C.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'92, Mar. 8.	Middleton	P. C.
O. T. Lanphear,	'49, Oct. 25.	'68, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	W. C.
Carl A. Lundgren,	'93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Pigeon Cove.	P.
Hugh McLeod,	'55, June 25.	'85, Jan. 13.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Albert W. Moore,	'73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	P. C.
William J. Murphy,	'79, April 28.	'89, Mar. 12.	Essex.	P. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
Robert M. Peacock,	'80, Sept. 23.	'93, Jan. 10.	Pigeon Cove.	P.
Francis A. Poole,	'93, July 12.	'95, Jan. 8.	Topsfield.	P.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers Centre.	Sect.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	S. Braintree.	P.
J. Henry Thayer,	'59, Dec. 29.	'60, Mar. 6.	Cambridge.	Prof.
Francis J. Van Horn,	'93, Oct. 5.	'96, Mar. 10.	Beverly.	P. C.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Wenham.	P.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	'79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

8. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'89, Nov. 19.	Turner's Falls.	P. C.
Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'89, Nov. 19.	Shelburne Falls.	P.
G. Glenn Atkins,	'95, Jan. 2.	'95, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	P.
George H. Bailey,	'67, Nov. 26.	'94, July 10.	Ashfield.	P.
Albert G. Beebee,	'54, June 20.	'95, May 12.	Springfield.	W. C.

8. FRANKLIN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	Warwick.	P.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
Theodore J. Clark,	'42, Oct. 11.	'86, Aug. 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'94, July 10.	*Keene, N. H.*	W. C.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'88, May 12.	So. Deerfield.	P.
Robert Crawford,	'40, Aug. 10.	'58, Feb. 9.	*Clinton, Ct.*	P. Em.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	'92, April 11.	Whately.	P. C.
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.	'82, Feb. 14.	Buckland.	P. C.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	Millers Falls.	P.
Henry Hyde,	'82, Dec. 20.	'89, Feb. 10.	*Somersworth, N. H.*	P.
George W. Judson,	'87, July 1.	'90, June 12.	Orange.	P. C.
Thomas C. Kinne,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Caldwell Morrison,	'93, Nov. 2.	'93, Dec. 12.	*Orange, N. J.*	W. C
Stephen H. Robinson,	'78, Sept. 7.	'88, Aug. 14.	*Ludlow, Vt.*	P.
Ira A. Smith,	'82, Sept. 27.	'88, Feb. 4.	Charlemont.	P.
David H. Strong,	'85, June 16.	'88, Nov. 13.	Bernardston.	P.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	P.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemont.	P.
John A. Woodhull,	'56, Jan. 1.	'90, Nov. 11.	Plainfield.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Charles C. Duncan, John C. Wightman.

STATED MEETINGS. — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in August, November, and February.

Rev. David H. Strong, Bernardston, scribe.

9. HAMPDEN, Organized February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

Simeon O. Allen,	'70, Dec. 1.	'91, Feb. 10.	West Springfield.	W. C.
Edward P. Armstrong,	'81, Feb. 15.	'87, Feb. 8.	*Rochester, N. Y.,*	S.S.Supt.
Stephen G. Barnes,	'81, April 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Longmeadow.	P. C.
Harlan P. Beach,	'83, July 19.	'93, Feb. 14.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Lyman H. Blake,	'67, Nov. 14.	'81, Dec. 6.	Westfield.	P. C.
Richard H. Bosworth,	'82, May 12.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
Ralph W. Brokaw,	'77, July 18.	'89, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	*Rahuri, India.*	F. M.
S. G. Buckingham,	'37, May 24.	'47, Aug. 3.	Springfield.	P. C. Em.
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee.	P. C.
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield.	W. C.
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	Springfield.	P. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Huntington.	P.
Myron S. Dudley,	'71, Sept. 28.	'87, Feb. 8.	Nantucket.	P.
Aaron W. Field,	'72, Nov. 13.	'81, Feb. 8.	New Marlboro.	P.
Frank L. Garfield,	'93, Feb. 21.	'93, April 11.	Feeding Hills.	P. C.
Lewis F. Giroux,	'89 April 17.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield.	Teacher.

9. Hampden (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.	'95, April 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,	'76, May 7.	'89, Feb. 12.	Monson.	P. C.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Edward C. Haynes,	'82, Apr. 18.	'95, Nov. 12.	Huntington.	P.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	P. C.
William T. Hutchins,	'76, Dec. 20.	'92, Nov. 7.	Indian Orchard.	P. C.
Frank E. Jenkins,	'81, May 18.	'93, Nov. 14.	Palmer.	P. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edward H. Knight,	'83, July 25.	'83, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'95, Feb. 12.	W. Springfield.	W. C.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	Pres. Coll.
John H. Lockwood,	'71, Nov. 5.	'79, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	P. C.
Clarence C. Lyon,	'90, Dec. 17.	'94, Nov. 13.	Monson.	W. C.
F. Barrows Makepeace,	'73, June 19.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Samuel L. Merrell,	'50, Jan. 8.	'82, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	P. C.
Simeon Miller,	'46, May 7.	'36, June 8.	Springfield.	W. C.
Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Egbert N. Munroe,	'81, May 4.	'89, Nov. 12.	Deerfield.	P.
Sidney K. Perkins,	'80, July 20.	'94, July 10.	W. Springfield.	P.
Ralph Perry,	'44, Jan. 3.	'44, June 11.	Agawam.	W. C.
Henry G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95, July 9.	Chicopee Falls.	P. C.
Paul H. Pitkin,	'66, Sept. 11.	'82, May 9.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Abram J. Quick,	'64, Mar. 7.	'91, Nov. 10.	Ludlow.	P. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield.	Pres. S.C.W.
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Arthur W. Remington,	'90, April 23.	'96, April 19.		P.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam.	P. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'95, April 9.	West Hawley.	P.
Alpheus M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.	'88, Nov. 13.	Mittineague.	P. C.
Frank M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	Springfield.	W. C.
Richard L. Swain,	'84, Aug. 21.	'94, July 10.	S. Hadley Falls.	P. C.
Charles S. Sylvester,	'59, Oct. 20.	'66, Sept. 4.	Feeding Hills.	W. C.
William J. Tate,	'92, Nov. 16.	'93, April 11.	Lockport, N. S.	P.
John W. Tolliver,	'92, June 5.	'94, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	P. C.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
Joshua T. Tucker,	'37, Nov. 16.	'68, May 5.	Dorchester.	W. C.
James Tufts,	'44, Sept. 23.	'54, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.	Holland.	P.
George W. Winch,	'75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.

Licentiate. — 1893, James H. Tufts.

Stated Meetings. — In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February April, July, and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

10. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	Haydenville.	P.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'95, June 11.	Worthington.	P.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	Northampton.	P.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Florence.	P. C.
Harlan Creelman,	'89, Sept. 17.	'90, Feb. 11.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Prof.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'85, Feb. 17.	Northampton.	W. C.
William Gallagher, jr.,	'74, Dec. 1.	'89, Feb. 19.	Easthampton.	Teacher.
George M. Gerrish,	'94, June 8.	'94, Oct. 16.	Thorndike.	P.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton.	P. C.
Edwin J. Klock,	'89, June 18.	'92, Feb. 2.	*Niagara Falls, N. Y.*	P.
Elihu Loomis,	'51, Oct. 22.	'86, June 9.	Bedford.	W. P.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M.D.	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'96,	Northampton.	W. C.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Prof. Coll.
Wilbur Rand,	'83, May 9.	'95, June 11.	Huntington.	P.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C.
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'89, June 1.	Easthampton.	Prof.
William C. Scofield,	'51, Oct. 15.	'95, June 11.	*Hillsdale, N. Y.*	W. C.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	'75, Feb. 2.	Northampton.	Pres. Coll.
Samuel T. Seelye,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Henry H. Smith,	'73, Sept. 7.	'94, June 5.	Worthington.	W. C.
Henry S. Snyder,	'86, Oct. 28.	'89, Feb. 19.	Williamsburg.	P. C.
Joseph W. Strout,	'86, June 29.	'95, Oct. 29.	Cummington.	P.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield.	P.
Arthur C. Townsend,	'91, June 10.	'92, Feb. 2.	Westhampton.	P. C.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	Prof.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'87, June 14.	Northampton.	Evan.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton.	W. C.
Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'89, Feb. 9.	Easthampton.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. E. G. Cobb, Florence, scribe.

11. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

Warren H. Beaman,	'41, Sept. 15.	'41, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby.	P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Pres. Coll.
Edward P. Crowell,	*Licentiate.*	'65, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Levi H. Elwell,	*Licentiate.*	'80, Dec. 21.	Amherst.	Inst. in Coll.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	*Ahmednagar, India.*	F. M.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	No. Amherst.	P. Leverett.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	'90, Dec. 2.	No. Amherst.	P. C.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	S. Amherst.	P.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	'72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.

11. Hampshire East (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Charles E. Houghton,	'76, May 24.	'89, May 28.	Prescott.	P.
Oliver Huckel,	'90, Sept. 10.	'96, May 26.	Amherst.	P. C.
Newton I. Jones,	'75, July 15.	'94, May 29.	S. Hadley.	P.
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Hadley.	P.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley.	P. C.
William D. Love,	'48, April 4.	'79, Sept. 16.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	W. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	*Riverside, Cal.*	W. C.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.	Greenwich.	P.
Nelson Scott,	'46, Sept. 24.	'80, Feb. 17.	Amherst.	W. C.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'94, May 29.	Amherst.	P. C.
William S. Tyler,	'59, Oct. 5.	'58, May 11.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll,
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst.	Pr. of Ag. Coll.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81, Nov. 2,	'96, May 26.	Amherst.	Teacher.
Simeon F. Woodin,	'59, June 19.	'83, Dec. 4.	*Foochow, China.*	Mis'n'y.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	'77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield.	P. C.
Chas. L. Woodworth,	'49, Nov. 7.	'93, Dec. 5.	Amherst.	P.

Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, re-licensed May 23, 1893; W. L. Montague, re-licensed Dec. 4, 1894; L. H. Elwell, re-licensed Dec. 6, 1892.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, June, and December, and third Tuesday of September.

Rev. Geo. E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

12. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	W. Medway.	P.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Medfield.	P.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	*Redlands, Cal.*	W. C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'93, June 13.	Foxboro.	P.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C.
Alexis W. Ide,	'59, July 7.	'72, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Jacob Ide,	'56, Mar. 26.	'56, April 15.	Mansfield.	P. C.
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	Boston.	W. C.
Franklin C. Jones,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, April 7.	Norfolk.	W. C.
Charles W. Longren,	'87, Aug. 24,	'95, Feb. 12,	Franklin.	P.
Francis J. Marsh,	'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	W. C.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	P.
Frank C. Putnam,	'94, Sept. 12.	'94, Oct. 2.	Walpole.	P. C.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian.
William M. Thayer,	'49, June 20.	'72, Mar. 12.	Franklin.	W. C.
Horace Wellington,	'47, Oct.	'89, Dec. 10.	Roxbury.	W. C.
Albert H. Wheelock,	'88, July 3.	'94, Mar. 13.	Millis.	P.
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	'88, June 13.	Milford.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, April, October, and December.

Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, scribe.

13. Middlesex South, Organized June 7, 1830.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Merrill Blanchard,	'81, Mar. 23.	'93, May 2.	Maynard.	P.
Edward E. Bradley,	'93, June 20.	'94, Dec. 4.	Lincoln.	P. C.
George A. Brock,	'91, June 29.	'92, May 3.	Saxonville.	P. C.
Edward L. Chute,	'80, July 20.	'85, Sept. 14.	Northboro'.	P. C.
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	P. C.
Willis E. Dudley,	'92, Sept. 21.	'94, Dec. 4.	S. Natick.	P. C.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.	'75, Sept. 21.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Lucius R. Eastman, jr.,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 2.	Framingham.	P. C.
Fred E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.	'90, Sept. 16.	So. Framingham.	P. C.
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville.	W. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Weston.	P.
Lewis W. Hicks,	'74, Sept. 10.	'93, May 2.	*Hartford, Ct.*	W. C.
Theodore J. Holmes,	'59, Oct. 5.	'94, Sept. 18.	Hopkinton.	P. C.
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug.	'95, Sept. 17.	*Reed's Ferry, N. H.*	P.
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'69, Oct. 5.	North Abington.	W. C.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'88, May 1.	Malden.	W. C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro.	P.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Lewis E. Perry,	'85, July 15.	'95, Feb. 5.	Paxton.	P.
Clarence W. Rouse,	'90, Dec. 4.	'95, Dec. 3.	S. Sudbury.	P. C.
William F. Stearns,	'89, Dec. 11.	'94, Dec. 4.	Boston.	W. C.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	P. C.
Charles L. Tomblen,	'77, Aug. 30.	'95, Dec. 3,	Ashland.	P.
Philo B. Wilcox,	'51, May 14.	'93, May 2.	Northboro.	W. C.
John Wood,	'40, April 8.	'71, Dec. 5.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
Granville Yager,	'76, June 20.	'92, Sept. 20.	Hingham.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, May, and December, third Tuesday in September.

Rev. George M. Adams, Auburndale, scribe.

14. Middlesex Union, Organized January, 1827.

Melvin J. Allen,	'82, Nov. 8.	'82, Nov. 14.	*York Village, Me.*	W. C.
James M. Bell,	'58, July 21.	'93, Nov. 21.	N. Leominster.	P.
Augustus A. Bickford,	'78, May 9.	'90, Nov. 18.	Westford.	P.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'93, Jan. 17.	*W. Rutland, Vt.*	P.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.	'87, Sept. 20.	Hyde Park.	W. C.
Seelye Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'94, Nov. 20.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Wilson R. Buxton,	'94, May 2.	'94, Nov. 20.	So. Action.	P.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.	Concord.	P.
Henry C. Crane,	'73, Sept. 9.	'93, May 23.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.	Littleton.	P. C.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'94, May 22.	Littleton.	W. C.
Clarence R. Gale,	'87, Dec. 28.	'92, Sept. 28.	*Marshalltown, Io.*	P.

14. Middlesex Union (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.	'92, Mar. 15.	Groton.	W. C.
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.	'91, Sept. 15.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
Horace F. Hallett,	'92, July 7.	'96, Jan. 21.	Ayer.	P.
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'95,	Fitchburg.	P.
Edwin R. Hodgman,	'49, May 17.	'59, May 3.	Townsend.	W. C.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65, May 10.	'79, Jan. 7.		W. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.	Ayer.	P.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Aurora, S. D.	P.
Richard Meredith,	'67, April 21.	'86, May 18.	W. Somerville.	W. C.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	W. Tisbury.	P.
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'92, Mar. 15.	Boxboro'.	P.
William J. Robinson,	'91, June 9.	'93, Jan. 17.	Ashby.	P. C.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Townsend.	P.
Geo. R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'81, Jan. 11.	Leominster.	P.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95,	Concord.	P.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	*Baltimore, Md.*	W. C.
Ole O. Thorp,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	P.
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'92, Nov. 15.	Worcester.	P.
Charles C. Torrey,	'55, Sept. 7.	'86, Sept. 21.	Harvard.	P.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley Village.	P.
Louis B. Voorhees,	'71, Dec. 16.	'94, May 22.	Groton.	P. C.
William S. Walker,	'91, Oct. 26.	'92, Jan. 19.	Lunenburg.	P.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'90, May 29.	'90, May 20.	Dunstable.	P.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, scribe and treasurer.

15. Norfolk Association, Organized May 11, 1811.

William H. Alexander,	'91, Oct. 29.	'96, April 21.	Weymouth.	P.
Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'95, Dec. 17.	Campello.	P. C.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.	'91, Dec. 15.	Cohasset.	P. C.
William E. Cadmus,	'94, June 12.	'95, Feb. 19.	Hingham.	P. C.
Judson V. Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'93, April 18.	S. Weymouth.	P. C.
Edward O. Dyer,	'83, Oct. 16.	'84, Feb. 19.	*Sharon, Ct.*	P.
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'91, Dec. 15.	East Weymouth,	P. C.
Augustus A. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.	'95, Feb. 19.	South Easton.	P.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Robert W. Haskins,	'72, Oct. 19.	'83, Feb. 20.	Arlington Heights.	P.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Malden.	Ch. Miss.
Charles A. Hilton,	'73, June 9.	'94, Feb. 20.	Randolph.	P. C.
Allan B. Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.	Brockton.	P.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'92, Feb. 16.	Whitman.	P.

15. Norfolk Association (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Emerson L. Hunt,	'94, Oct. 24.	'95, Feb. 19.	*Ellsworth Falls, Me.*	P.
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.	Milton.	P.
Walter P. Hutchinson,	'93, April 19.	'94, April 17.	N. Abington.	P.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.	'92, Dec. 20.	Weymouth Heights.	P. C.
Joseph Kyte,	'62, Sept. 25.	'96, Feb. 18.	S. Braintree.	W. C.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 4.	'95, Feb. 19.	Holbrook.	P. C.
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	W. C.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	W. C.
Karl F. Ohlson,	'88, Dec. 6.	'95, June 11.	Campello.	P.
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.	'86, April 20.	East Bridgewater.	P.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec 19.	'89, Oct. 29.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
John Sharp,	'90, April 30.	'94, June 19.	Metcalf.	W. C.
Albert K. Teele,	'45, July 15.	'52, April 27.	Milton.	P. Em.
W. Sherman Thompson,	'91, Oct. 15.	'93, April 18.	Cliftondale.	P.
Franke A. Warfield,	'71, June 10.	'82, June 13.	*Omaha, Neb.*	P. C.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Worcester.	W. C.

Licentiates. — Edward O. Grover, Arlington, May 8, 1873; George I. Newton, Beechwood, April 21, 1896.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February, and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Robert R. Kendall, Weymouth Heights, scribe and treasurer.

16. Old Colony, Organized August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett,	'83, May 23.	'96, Feb. 12.	Marion.	P. C.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'92, Feb. 10.	Holyoke.	C. M.
John Graham,	'90, Jan. 17.	'90, Feb. 12.	Westport.	P.
Henry M. Grant,	'63, Nov. 17.	'79, Oct. 22.	*Charleston, S. C.*	P.
Ivory H. B. Headley,	'77, Jan. 4.	'80, April 28.	Roslindale.	Evan.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.	'94, Nov. 14.	New Bedford.	W. C.
George W. C. Hill,	'95 Sept. 11.	'95, Nov. 13.	Acushnet.	P. C.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11.	'78, July 30.	New Bedford.	P. C.
Dorrall Lee,	'74, Sept. 16.	'93, Nov. 15.	Fairhaven.	P. C.
John A. MacColl,	'83, Jan. 31.	'90, Feb. 12.	New Bedford.	P. C.
George H. Perry,	'88, April 7.	'93, Nov. 15.	S. Westport.	P. C.
Alonzo H. Quint,	'53, Dec. 27.	'64, July 20.	Boston.	W. C.
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.	Brockton.	P.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91,	'95, Nov. 13.	Mattapoisett.	P.
Albion H. Ross,	'91, Oct. 13.	'96, Feb. 12.	S. Dartmouth.	P.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	P. C.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'94, Nov. 14.	Middleboro.	P. C.

Licentiate. — Joseph Wheelwright, Rochester.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in February, May, and November.

Rev. Robert L. Rae, 24 Bay street, Brockton, scribe.

17. Plymouth, Organized May 18, 1858.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ebenezer Alden,	'43, Nov. 3.	'58, May 18.	Marshfield.	P. Em.
John W. Brownville,	'73, Dec. 18.	'85, Nov. 17.	Erving.	P.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	'93, May 8.	*E. Hartford, Ct.*	W. C.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'86, Nov. 16.	Kingston.	P. C.
Ernest C. Davis,	'94, Dec. 5,	'95, Nov. 19.	Plympton.	P.
Oscar F. Davis,	'95,	'95, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	P. C.
Louis Ellms,	'89, Aug. 9.	'93, Nov. 21.	Halifax.	P.
Smith B. Goodenow,	'43, June 28.	'84, May 20.	*Battle Creek, Io.*	W. C.
Vaola J. Hartshorne,	'65, Jan. 16.	'91, Nov. 17.	Plympton.	W. C.
Adoniram J. Leach,	'89, April 7.	'93, Nov. 21.	S. Hanson.	W. C.
Nehemiah Lincoln,	'72, May 15.	'88, Aug. 21.	North Carver.	P.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Marshfield.	P. C.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
George H. Morss,	'64, May 11.	'95, Feb. 19.	*Oakdale, Ct.*	P.
Ernest W. Shurtleff,	'89, Nov. 16.	'92, Aug. 16.	Plymouth.	P. C.
George Sterling,	'74, Dec. 8.	'95, Feb. 19.	Manomet.	P.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.	'89, Feb. 19.	Southampton.	P.
John Wild,	'92, Apr. 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Hanover.	P.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — George H. Hefflon, May 14, 1895.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. Zenas Crowell, Kingston, scribe.

18. Suffolk North, Organized July 2, 1822.

Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Newton Centre.	Editor.
Smith Baker,	'60, July 30.	'94, April 4.	E. Boston.	P. C.
Fritz W. Baldwin,	'82, Sept. 11.	'85, Feb. 17.	*E. Orange, N. J.*	P. C.
David N. Beach,	'76, June 15.	'85, Feb. 17.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	P. C.
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	W. C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Boston.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.	Dorchester.	P.
Charles R. Brown,	'89, Sept. 8.	'93, Feb. 8.	Charlestown.	P. C.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, April 22.	'95, Feb. 6.	Cambridge.	P.
Charles F. Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	S. Braintree.	P.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.	'93, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Stephen R. Dennen,	'55, July 11.	'86, Sept. 9.	*Los Angeles, Cal.*	W. C.
Lysander Dickerman,	'58, April 29.	'92, Feb. 3.	*New York.*	W. C.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.	'87, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.	'94, Feb. 7.	Revere, Mass.	P. C.
Robert E Ely,	'90, Dec. 11.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
Luther Farnham,	'44, Nov. 20.	'74, April 21.	Boston. Theo. Library.	
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.	'95, June 10.	Winchester.	Sect.

18. Suffolk North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Stephen H. Hayes,	'54, Aug. 20.	'71, Feb. 21.	Boston.	W. C.
Phineas C. Headley,	'49, Feb. 9.	'76, April 18.	Lexington.	W. C.
Sam'l E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.	*Boulder, Col.*	P.
Ross C. Houghton,	'69, Apr. 18.	'95, June 10.	Chelsea.	P. C.
John A. Hughes,	'93, June 8	'93, Dec. 6.	*Wickford, R. I.*	P.
Charles E. Jefferson,	'87, Sept. 29.	'87, Dec. 13.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,	'79, Nov. 13.	'83, Sept. 18.	Boston.	Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	'73, June 19.	'95, Feb. 6.	Somerville.	P. C.
Duncan McDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Cambridge,	W. C.
Alex. McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Peter McQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Somerville.	P. C.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.	Boston.	P.
Charles L. Noyes,	'80, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
William H. Noyes,	'88, Oct. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	*Japan.*	F. M.
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	'90, Mar. 26.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Dec. 16.	'87, Feb. 8.	North Cambridge.	A. P.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'96, Jan. 29.	Everett.	P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Boston.	W. C.
Eddy T. Pitts,	'82, Feb. 8.	'91, Jan. 27.	Lawrence.	W. C.
Edward G. Porter,	'68, Oct. 1.	'69, Dec. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Edward K. Rawson,	'72, Oct. 9.	'83, April 10.	*Annapolis, Md.*	Chaplain.
James H. Ross,	'78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	Roxbury.	W. C.
Charles J. Ryder,	'80, Oct. 28.	'90, Sept. 24.	*New York.*	Sec. A. M. A.
Isaiah W. Sneath,	'84, Feb. 27.	'89, Mar. 26.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.	'86, Feb. 12.	Somerville.	P. C.
Calvin Terry,	'46, Dec. 20.	'61, June 18.	North Weymouth.	W. C.
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept.	'79, Dec. 16.	*Cleveland, O.*	Pres.
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.	'78, Oct. 13.	*Constantinople.*	Pres. Coll.
Albert Watson,	'71, June 27.	'94, Feb. 7.	Everett.	P.
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.	Somerville.	Editor.
John Wriston,	'95, Jan.	'95, Feb. 6.	Beachmont.	P.

Licentiate. — Andrew Campbell, 10 June, 1895.

Stated Meetings. — First Wednesdays in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, Chelsea, scribe.

19. Suffolk South, Organized January 27, 1829.

William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.	Dorchester.	P.
Andrew W. Archibald,	'76, Aug. 24.	'93, Mar. 15.	Hyde Park.	P. C.
Charles H. Beale,	'80, April 5.	'95, Jan. 16.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.	'92, May 11.	Islington.	S.
William H. Bolster,	'72, June 13.	'93, Nov. 10.	Dorchester.	P.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Centre.	Sec.

19. SUFFOLK SOUTH (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Donald Brown,	'90, Sept. 9.	'96, Mar. 18.	Boston.	P.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale.	Y. P. S. C. E.
Thomas Clayton,	'85, Sept. 20.	'94, May 9.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	Dorchester.	P.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston.	Editor.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85,	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston.	P. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Boston.	Editor.
Solomon P. Fay,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester.	W. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Boston.	Assist. P.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'86, May 4.	Roxbury.	Sect. A. S. S. U.
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Roslindale.	P.
B. Frank Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury.	P. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Newton.	Sec. A. E. S.
John L. Harris,	'60, Sept. 20.	'86, May 17.	Everett.	W. C.
Hiram Houston,	'50, Sept. 25.	'90, Mar. 12.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Clarendon Hills.	P.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'92, Sept. 14.	Melrose.	Ed.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester.	P. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Hyde Park.	W. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Frank L. Luce,	'95, Nov. 6.	'96, Jan. 15.	Boston.	Assist. P.
S. Sherberne Mathews,	'74, Oct. 23.	'81, June 12.	*Milwaukee, Wis.*	P.
Ellis Mendell,	'79, June 4.	'80, May 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	W. Roxbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Charles A. Perry,	'82, Nov. 16.	'96, Jan. 15.	Hyde Park.	W. C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'74, May 9.	Wollaston.	P. C.
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.	'85, May 13.	Dedham.	P. C.
Charles B. Smith,	'48, Nov. 12.	'79, July 9.	West Medford.	P.
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	Roxbury.	A. B. C. F. M.
P. Thomas Stanford,	'78, Sept. 26.	'95, Nov. 13.	Boston.	P.
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.	Boston.	P.
Mark B. Taylor,	'75, Sept. 8.	'89, Jan. 16.	Canton.	P. C.
A. C. Thompson,	'42, July 27.	'42, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Daniel T. Torrey,	'89, June 4.	'89, Jan. 16.	Malden.	W. C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.	'94, Sept. 19.	Neponset.	P.
Charles F. Weeden,	'88, April 4.	'96, Jan. 15.	Norwood.	P. C.
J. Herbert Yeoman,	'77, Jan. 25.	'89, Jan. 16.	Wareham.	P.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.	Boston.	M.

Licentiates. — Albert H. Plumb and William C. Fessenden.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. Edward A. Robinson, Boston, scribe and treasurer.

20. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William E. Barton,	'85, June 6.	'93, June 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Adolph A. Berle,	'87, Sept. 14.	'91, Dec. 14.	Brighton.	P. C.
Douglas P. Birnie,	'85, Aug. 12.	'91, Feb. 9.	*Honolulu.*	P. C.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline.	W. C.
Ezra H. Byington,	'59, Feb. 23.	'91, Feb. 9.	Newton.	W. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	'62, Oct. 22.	'80, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	Boston.	Assist. P.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston.	P. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Cen.	Cong. Lib.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	P. C. Em.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.	
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8	'87, Oct. 11.	" Sec. N. D. R. Lea.	
John M. Dutton,	'76, June 11.	'92, April 25.	Newtonville.	P. C.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23,	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills.	P. C.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton.	W. C.
Daniel L. Furber,	'67, Dec. 1.	'57, Jan. 16.	Newton Centre.	P. Em.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 5.	Waverly.	P.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	Boston.	P. C.
Daniel Green,	'79, Dec. 18.	'94, Feb. 12.	Newton.	P.
William E. Griffis,	'77, May 31.	'86, Dec. 14.	*Ithaca, N. Y.*	P. C.
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston.	P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham.	P. C.
Charles E. Havens,	'81, Sept. 15.	'94, April 9.	Newton Highlands.	P. C.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Newton. Sec. C. C. B. S.	
William A. Lamb,	'74, April 12.	'84, April 8.	Newton.	W. C.
Isaac J. Lansing,	'74, Oct.	'94, Feb. 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Amos E. Lawrence,	'48, June 25.	'76, April 18.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Dover.	P. C.
John L. Maile,	'72, July 14.	'92, Feb. 8.	Newton Centre.	Sect.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Centre.	P. C.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville.	P. C. Em.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands.	W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown.	P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	W. Newton.	P. C.
Alonzo H. Quint,	'53, Dec. 27.	'88, Jan. 16.	Boston.	W. C.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	W. C.
Avery S. Walker,	'57. June 15.	'95, Dec. 9.	Needham.	P. C.
Edwin B. Webb,	'50, Sept. 11.	'67, Jan. 8.	Wellesley.	P. Em.

Licentiates. — C. A. Bidwell, Boston, Jan. 6, 1896; Arthur W. Kelley, Auburndale, renewed Feb. 12, 1894; Edward P. Kelley, Auburndale, April 15, 1895; W. F. Skerrye, Waltham, Dec. 9, 1895.

Stated Meetings. — Second Mondays of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. George G. Phipps, Newton Highlands, scribe.

21. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Wm. W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
Joseph Allard,	'82, April 15.	'89, Jan. 9.	Fall River.	P.
Franklin K. Beem,	'95, July 18.	'95, Nov. 13.	Berkley.	P. C.
Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'93, May 10.	Taunton.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'95, Jan. 16.	Walker.	P.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Taunton.	P. C.
S. Hopkins Emery,	'37, Nov. 23.	'75, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	W. C.
Cyrus D. Harp,	'85, Feb. 17.	'93, Nov. 8.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
Elwin L. House,	'88, April 22.	'94, May 8.	Attleboro.	P. C.
George H. Hubbard,	'84, Sept. 13.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton.	P.
Herbert K. Job,	'91, Oct. 28.	'92, Jan. 13.	N. Middleboro.	P. C.
William W. Jubb,	'64, May.	'91, Nov. 11.	Fall River.	P. C.
Charles H. Kenney,	'73, April 13.	'96, Jan. 15.	Attleboro.	W. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'91, Mar. 10.	*Solon, Me.*	P.
Josiah W. Kingsbury,	'66, June 28.	'89, May 8.	Braintree.	W. C.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May 8.	Fall River.	P. C.
James H. McLaren,	'90, Aug. 12.	'94, Jan. 10.	Attleboro Falls.	P.
Frank S. Park,	'95, July. 16.	'95, Nov. 13.	E. Taunton.	P.
Sidney K. B. Perkins,	'60, Jan. 11.	'88, Jan. 11.	Raynham.	P.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'82, May 10.	Wellesley.	W. C.
William E. Todd,	'90, Sept. 13.	'90, Nov. 13.	Fall River.	P. C.
Edgar L. Warren,	'89, Feb. 4.	'93, Mar. 14.	*Westerly, R. I.*	P.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'92, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	P.

Licentiate. — Lewis H. Stoughton, Jan. 10, 1894.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, and November.

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

22. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

Frank S. Adams,	'80, Oct. 13.	'81, Jan. 18.	Reading.	P. C.
Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	'74, Sept. 15.	*Constantinople.*	Robt. C.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford.	W. C.
Albert G. Bale,	'68, Dec. 3.	'69, Jan. 25.	Melrose.	P. C.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29.	'95,	Medford.	P. C.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'75, Nov. 16.	Concord Junc.	Chaplain.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.	'93, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Charles R. Bliss,	'59, Apr. 28.	'62, Nov. 18.	Boston.	Ed. Sect.
Charles C. Bruce,	'78, July 2.	'90, Mar. 3.	Somerville.	W. C.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.	'89, Jan. 29.	Winchester.	H. M Sec.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	Brookline.	W. C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.	'95, Feb. 19.	Wakefield.	P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Maplewood.	P.

22. Woburn (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Cyrus Hamlin,	'38, Oct. 3.	'91, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	W. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 17.	'86, Mar. 16.	Wilmington.	P. C.
Henry A. Hazen,	'58, Feb. 17.	'74, Sept. 15.	Auburndale.	Sec. N. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.	'87, June 13.	Salem.	W. C.
Richard H. Kennedy,	'92, Sept. 29.	'93, Jan. 17.	Pepperell.	P.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	'95, Jan. 29.	Melrose Highlands.	P. C.
George E. Lovejoy,	'73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	Stoneham.	P. C.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn.	P. C. Em.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester.	P. C.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Woburn.	P. C.
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'88, May 1.	Bedford.	P.
Leander Thompson,	'38, Nov. 30.	'71, Sept. 19.	North Woburn.	W. C.
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'96, Mar. 17.	W. Medford.	P. C.
Peter Vincentius,	'88, Aug. 19.	'89, Jan. 29.	East Boston.	P.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18	'74, Mar. 17.	Malden.	W. C.
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Malden.	W. C.

Licentiates. — Charles Steadman MacFarland, Henry F. Burdon, Albert V. Fisher, George Morgan Ward.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, June, September, and November.

Rev. Albert G. Bale, Melrose, scribe and treasurer.

23. Worcester Central, Organized November 4, 1823.

Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	P. C.
Orange C. Bailey,	'85, Oct. 13.	'94, Nov. 13.	Worcester.	P. C.
Albert E. Bradstreet,	'88, Aug. 30.	'95, Nov. 12.	Oxford.	P.
Sherman W. Brown,	'93, June 6.	'94, Feb. 6.	Spencer.	P. C.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept. 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Daniel E. Burtner,	'90, Sept. 25.	'94, Nov. 13.	Boylston.	P.
Edward M. Chapman,	'90, Sept. 9.	'93, Nov. 14.	Worcester.	P. C.
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'85, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	P. C.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	'93, Nov. 14.	Rutland.	P.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	West Boylston.	W. C.
Ebenezer Cutler,	'50, Mar. 6.	'56, Jan. 1.	Worcester.	P. Em.
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	*Woodstock, Ct.*	P.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Burlington.	P.
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	Lake View.	P. C.
Forrest F. Emerson,	'65, May 25.	'95, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	W. C.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Somerville.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Arlington.	W. C.
Wilson S. Fritch,,	'93, April 26.	'95, April 2.	Abington.	P.
George H. Gould,	'62, Nov. 12.	'76, Feb 1.	Worcester.	W. C.

23. Worcester Central (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Mark Gould,	'51, Oct. 8.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Millard F. Hardy,	'80, April 21.	'87, April 5.	*Townshend, Vt.*	P.
Elijah Horr,	'64, April 17.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	P. C.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.	Somerville.	W. C.
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	P. C.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept.	'95, Nov. 12.	Berlin.	P.
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C.
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94, April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.
Eric Nillson,	'86, Nov. 19.	'87, Feb. 1.		
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	W. C.
Ariel E. P. Perkins,	'44, Sept. 18.	'88, April 3.	Worcester.	W. C.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb 3.	Auburn.	P. C.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Sterling.	P.
Casper F. Scherff,	'76, April 9.	'90.	Clinton.	P.
Darius B. Scott,	'72, July 14.	'86, Feb. 2.	*Sioux Falls, S. D.*	P. C.
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
Burritt A. Smith,	'65, Mar. 15.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	Teacher.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.
Edwin S. Tingley,	'71, Feb. 1.	'85, May 5.	Milford.	W. C.
William G. Tuttle,	'51, April 10.	'88, April 3.	Worcester.	W. C.
J. Charles Villiers,	'86, May 31.	'95, Nov. 12.	W. Boylston.	P.
Inman L. Willcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and April, and second Tuesday in November.

Rev. E. W. Phillips, Worcester, scribe.

24. Worcester North, Organized June 18, 1818.

George E. Chapin,	'79, Aug. 20.	'94.	S. Royalston.	P.
Joseph S. Cogswell,	'68, Nov. 14.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9.	Royalston.	P.
Davis Foster,	'55, Nov. 1.	'69, Nov. 27.	Winchendon.	P. C.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	W. C.
Edwin S. Gould,	'73, Oct. 1.	'94, Jan. 23.	Athol.	P.
John W. Hird,	'79, Mar. 19.	'91, April 28.	Baldwinville.	P.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Boston.	W. C.
Alfred V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	New Salem.	P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'92, Jan. 26.	Conway.	P.
Frederic P. Johnson,	'94, May 22.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	P.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, April 5.	'93, April 25.	Templeton.	P. C.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W. C.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Phillipston.	W. C.

24. Worcester North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frank E. Ramsdell,	'91, June 30.	'90, July 14.	Gardner.	P. C.
Judson W. Shaw,	'87, June 30.	'87, July 12.	*Falmouth, Me.*	W. C.
Walter P. Taylor,	'91, Dec. 15.	'92, July 26.	*Newmarket, N. H.*	P.

Stated Meetings. — Fourth Tuesdays in January, April, and October, and second Tuesday in July.

Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

25. Worcester South, Organized in 1818.

Frederic A. Balcom,	'82, Jan. 9.	'95, Sept. 17.	E. Douglas.	P.
William A. Benedict,	'49, June 27.	'76, Oct. 10.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Henry A. Blake,	'76, Sept. 13.	'89, Oct. 8.	Webster.	P.
William T. Briggs,	'46, Nov. 4.	'66, July 10.	East Douglas.	P. Em.
Frank L. Bristol,	'75, Oct. 25.	'88, Oct. 9.	Uxbridge.	P.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge.	P.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.	Millville.	P. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	Millbury.	P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.	'92, Jan. 12.	Sutton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.	'94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville.	P.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'92, Jan. 12.	Carlisle.	P.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29.	'93, April 11.	Douglas.	P.
Leroy M. Pierce,	'70, Feb. 4.	'84, Oct. 14.	Blackstone.	P.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Benjamin A. Robie,	'66, Mar. 22.	'84, Oct. 14.	Grafton.	P.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Upton.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge, scribe.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Rev. Henry A. Hazen.

It is eighteen years since the Association met in Fall River. Dr. Adams was then, as now, pastor of the First church, and Dr. Burnham, now of St. Louis, of this Central church. Rev. S. J. Spalding, of Newburyport, was moderator. He, with ten others of the forty-three ministerial delegates, and Rev. J. P. Kimball, many years registrar, have gone to their higher service. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Bisbee, of Westfield. At this meeting the first step was taken in the enlargement of the body, the rule being changed so that Associations and Conferences might send four delegates instead of two. The result was seen at Worcester the next year, where ninety-six ministerial delegates were in attendance instead of forty-three. Another change made at that meeting was to give the appointment of the preacher to the provisional committee. The Associations had previously appointed in alphabetical order.

We have, to-day, invitation from Worcester that our next session be held in that city. If this is accepted, as it is safe to say it will be, now, as then, we shall go from Fall River to the heart of the Commonwealth.

One earlier meeting was also held here in 1854.[1] Fifty-five delegates constituted the body, the Conferences not being represented until 1868. Rev. John Todd was moderator, and Rev. Emerson Davis was still, as for several years, secretary.

Of the fifty-five delegates I note the following only now living: S. G. Buckingham, J. T. Tucker, Edmund Dowse, Jeremiah Taylor, Horace Pratt, and S. H. Emery. If I mistake not, this was the last meeting for many years which does not record the name of Rev. A. H. Quint.

The preacher was Rev. Emerson Davis, secretary. Among the members it cannot be invidious to note the presence of Edward Beecher, Wm. I. Budington, R. W. Clark, Joseph S. Clark, and H. M. Storrs, and the venerable Lyman Beecher was here as an honorary member, as was Leonard Swain.

At this meeting the Congregational Library Association was first heard of and commended "to the sympathy and patronage of the entire denomination" in a resolution presented by Rev. Joseph S. Clark, who did, perhaps, the most important work of his life as secretary of that body.

The subject of slavery was here to occupy and trouble the deliberations; and a vote, historically important, was that which directed the preparation of an alphabetical catalogue of all the names of ministers, in our Minutes, with their post-office addresses. That was the beginning, apparently, of what has grown into our Year Book's A, B, C list.

[1] The General Conference, before its union with this Association, met in Fall River in 1865.

The number of churches reported in 1854 was 451, with 66,062 members. We have gained, in 42 years, 138 churches, reporting this year as last 589, with 110,179 members, a gain of 705 members in the year, and of 44,117 in the 42 years, or an average of 1,050 per year.

The additions for the year have been 6,750, of whom 3,786 were on confession; the removals were 5,435, of whom 1,849 were by death. If our church records had been accurately kept, it will be seen that our gain should have been 1,315, — 600 greater than they appear.

Another item of our report is more satisfactory. While we have been properly more economical in our home expenditures, which are reduced $125,683, our benevolent contributions reach $693,219, and show an increase of $65,000. This is as it should be, and we may thank our Master for the grace given his people, as shown in this improvement.

In the gathering of our reports from the churches, the improvement in promptness, we are striving for, does not yet appear. In comparison with other States we do reasonably well, but Massachusetts cannot be content until she does much better than this, and shows any of her tardy sisters how promptly and efficiently the work can be done. We shall not do *that* until every church is reported before Jan. 15, and the tables are ready for the printer Feb. 1; this year, as for two or three years, they were ready near *March* 1.

The order in which the Conference reports were received was as follows: Mendon keeps its first place, reporting every church Jan. 4; followed by Worcester, North, Jan. 8; Woburn and Worcester, South, the 14th; Hampshire, East, the 22d; Barnstable, the 28th. Norfolk came Feb. 1; Middlesex Union, the 5th; Franklin, the 7th; Essex, North, the 10th; and Brookfield, Hampshire, and Taunton, the 12th; Worcester, the 18th; Berkshire, South, the 19th; Old Colony, the 21st; Hampden, the 22d; Andover and Middlesex, South, the 27th; Suffolk, West, the 28th; Essex, South, and Suffolk, North, the 29th; Suffolk, South, March 2; Berkshire, North, March 4; and Pilgrim, March 5.

One reason why the best work is not always secured comes from too frequent changes among the reporters. The best reporter is not likely to do his best work in the first or even second year of service, and if a Conference elects a new reporter after two or three years, and permits the man who has acquired skill by experience, and knows how to deal with troublesome churches and tardy clerks, to retire, the work suffers while his successor is gaining similar fitness. Every Conference should see to it that its very best man is placed in charge of its annual report, and kept there until circumstances necessitate a change. *Some do* this, and the standard of reporting which Massachusetts has reached, and in which we may take much pride, is largely due to their faithful and continued service. And such men should not be left to do all this work at their own charges; a reasonable compensation should be the encouragement and reward of those of whom the churches ask so much.

The Hampshire, East, Conference has from various untoward causes, fallen into large arrears in their contributions to our treasury; and I concur with the treasurer in recommending that, if the Finance Committee

approves, this arrearage be erased from his account. The Conference assures us that future payments will be promptly made.

The National Council finds occasion, in the state of its treasury, to appeal to various States, in arrears, for prompt payments of the money asked of them. The payments of Massachusetts have always been promptly and fully made; and nothing more is desired of us. But, if our *date* of payment were changed from July to *April* 1 it would bring relief to the Council treasurer and save him from the necessity of borrowing money to pay the printer's bill. Formerly, the Year Book was not expected till July or August, and payments made July 1 were seasonable. But an earlier issue brings this embarrassment to the treasurer, and I suggest that our treasurer be requested to make his payment April 1, to he will usually be able to do.

The session of the National Council at Syracuse was eminently successful in the attendance, the programme, the papers and discussions, and in its results. Attentive students of our body were more than ever convinced that this great assembly gives a fit and valuable capstone to our system, and that we may expect much of it in future. The next session of the Council is to be held on the Pacific coast at Portland.

The Council named a large and representative committee charged with the duty of making arrangements, in correspondence with committees from other countries, for a second International Council. It is now probable that 1899 will be agreed upon as the date of this meeting. By common consent, its place will be Boston, a fact which will devolve some special responsibilities upon us, — in anticipation and preparation for so august an assembly as this must be.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM A. PAINE, *Treasurer, in account with the* GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 18, 1896.

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1895.		
May 17.	To balance from last report	$3,545 62
	" assessment on 108,750 members at three cents	3,262 50
	" Old Colony Conference arrears for 1893	10 50
	" Rev. H. A. Hazen sale of minutes	2 25
		$6,820 87

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1895.		
By Alfred Mudge & Son, miscellaneous printing		$74 25
" " " " printing manuals		770 00
" S. B. Forbes, treasurer National Congregational Council		1,612 86
" Rev. H. A. Hazen, salary		443 33
" " " " clerical services, postage and expense		36 65
" W. L. Green & Co., advertising		2 60
" I. W. Sneath, printing and expenses		7 50
" Perley A. Stone, expenses Sunday-school conference		34 40
Amount due from Barnstable Conference, 1895 account		2 97
" " " Old Colony " " "		16 38
" " " Pilgrim Conference		35 19
By profit and loss, Barnstable Conference Union Church at North Dennis		1 20
" " " " Berkshire North Conference Church at Lanesboro		66
" " " " Hampshire East Conference, over-tax		1 41
" " " " Hampshire Conference, over-tax		6 09
" " " " Taunton Conference, French Church at Fall River		2 22
" " " " Worcester South Conference Church at Millville		57
" cash on hand May, 1896		3,772 59
		$6,820 87

There is also due the General Association from the Middlesex Union Conference for the year 1893, $103.59, and for the year 1894, $104.10, making a total of $207.69.

This certifies that we have audited the account of William A. Paine, Treasurer of the General Association of Massachusetts for the year ending this day, and find them accurately cast and properly vouched. The balance in the treasury per statement of the Beacon Trust Company appears to be $3,772.59.

GEO. P. SMITH,
H. N. ACKERMAN,
THOMAS TODD,
} *Auditors.*

The auditors of the General Association of Massachusetts would recommend as the assessment for the year 1896 the sum of three and one half cents for each church member; also that the request of the Hampshire East Conference be granted and their past dues remitted.

BOSTON, May 18, 1896.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

By Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath, Cambridge.

Your Committee on the Work of the Churches forwarded a list of questions to the five hundred and eighty-nine churches, and have received replies from three hundred and twenty-five. The first question of inquiry was the following: —

Question I.

WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR OUR DENOMINATION IN YOUR LOCALITY?

It is cheering to state that the large majority of the replies present a hopeful outlook. The words from the Cape and the "hill towns" are not flattering, but are remarkably encouraging considering the conditions. A number of missions in certain cities have not prospered and developed into self-sustaining churches, as was anticipated, and have thus proven a disappointment to original expectations. In a few of our cities changing conditions in the character of the population are causing radical changes in the character and numerical strength of some of the churches, and the outlook is not promising. It is not surprising that the reports from such churches should speak of the conditions as "very dark" and "very discouraging." On the other hand, however, we have received many testimonies of prosperous conditions. Expressions like these are frequent: "Very good"; "Splendid could not be better"; "Better than last year, and good at that time"; "Never better; it leads all others"; "More favorable than for many years"; "It leads and will lead more and more"; "We are the established church"; "Here Congregationalism is in the front of the procession and going ahead. As fast as the city grows we propose to preempt new territory."

Our polity is represented, in a number of replies, as most favorable to progressive work in their respective localities. Says one writer, "We are the only Protestant church in the community, and all Christians find the way made easy to unite with us in worship." At the same time there are those who enter complaint that the principle of independency is overdone; that the church would make more progress if there was a larger recognition of the principle of fellowship and cooperation.

In a goodly number of communities where Unitarianism has been predominant, it has gradually grown weaker, and our church has risen to the first position. In a number of other towns this same change is rapidly taking place. But it is also to be noted that in certain localities, both in city and country town, there has been a tendency on the part of

the young people of the Congregational churches to drift into those of the Episcopal denomination. The reasons for these changes have not been given, but are certainly worthy of investigation.

A few of our churches expect annihilation through the metropolitan water scheme. They are rapidly becoming reconciled to the inevitable, but are continually exclaiming in the language of Shakespeare, "The wills above be done! but I would fain die a dry death." In many places the electric car is destined to prove the means of strengthening some old churches and lead to the erection of new ones. Changes in the character of the population are referred to repeatedly as a serious hindrance to Congregational growth. The entrance into many villages and cities of the foreign-born element, particularly Roman Catholic, is making the question of social and religious progress a new and perplexing one. The exodus of the young, American-born, trained Congregationalist from the village and town, and the incoming of the foreign-born Episcopalian and Lutheran, unaccustomed to non-liturgical methods of worship, makes the question of adjustment no easy task. Practical suggestions upon this problem would be gratefully received by many pastors and churches.

With reference to small communities, the union of churches is advocated; but it is always suggested that the new church organized or established should be a denominational one rather than a so-called "union" church. Also, that close-bound creed lines should not be drawn, so that all Christians might identify themselves with it. Several instances of churches thus happily united are reported.

The reports as a whole emphasize the need of greater aggressiveness in our denomination; that there should be no slighting of a single opportunity to organize new churches or missions where the outlook is promising. It is believed by those who have opportunity to know, that at the present time there are openings for new work in Ashmont, Savin Hill and Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, in Norfolk Downs, New Bedford, Lawrence, Arlington, Cambridge, Newburyport, Amesbury, Winchester Highlands, Brookline, Fall River, Taunton, Farley, and Moore's Corner, Wendell. There are doubtless other openings which were not reported. The outlook, then, for our denomination is very encouraging; but, as has been insisted upon in the responses, there is the greatest need of a larger spirit for real propagandism and denominational growth. With no desire to limit the work of our churches elsewhere, many of the replies are calling earnestly for home protection and the development of Congregationalism in its birthplace, the old Bay State.

Question II.

In what ways is your church helped by sister churches?

That this is a question of vital importance was evinced by the interest taken in responding to the same. A conspicuous number claimed that they are helped in no ways whatever, others that they are assisted to a certain extent indirectly, and several complain of actual hindrance

through proselytism, but chiefly from other denominations. A small number speak of the delightful spirit of harmony and fraternity which exists in their towns and cities. But the prevailing response is to the effect that there is very little help rendered, very little fellowship enjoyed and that some method of closer union on the part of the churches would be hailed with delight. Expressions like these are frequently given: "In no ways. The *independence* of Congregational churches is beautifully illustrated in this region by our not having anything to do with each other." "We miss very much the acquaintance and friendship of members of our sister churches. My wish is that we might form some sort of a union, which shall have for its object a better acquaintance and a mutual helpfulness of the churches nearest us. What can you suggest?" "I am obliged to say that our church does little to help sister churches, and am sure sister churches appear to have little interest in this church. Practically it is each for itself. I find this to be pretty generally the spirit of the ministers in our conference too. I sincerely believe that one of our great needs is more Christian fellowship. If we ministers had more of this spirit, perhaps our churches would have more." "The question embarrasses me and convicts me of sin. This is the weak part of our denominational life. We are not helpful to our sister churches. We that are strong are cumbered so much with our serving that we have no thought or time to care for the weak. I wish that the strong churches had some systematic way of helping the weak churches as well as some good way of helping one another. Perhaps they have; I should very much like to hear about it."

A number of weak churches feel keenly the non-support of the stronger churches in their own neighborhoods. One writer refers to the absence of pastors and delegates of the stronger churches from the councils of weaker ones. Another report complains of the tendency to take supplies from the ministry of other denominations during the vacation season and at other times. It is also suggested that neighboring cities to the hill towns are constantly receiving members, but fail to reciprocate by sending evangelistic workers to render assistance in the arduous work of these sparsely settled regions. Thus from city, suburban, and village churches comes a general complaint of a lack of practical cooperation, fellowship, and helpfulness. On the other hand, there are evidences that in certain localities efforts have been put forth in these directions with some encouraging success. In the replies as to the methods by which the churches have been helped, grateful acknowledgment is made by many for the financial aid received from local churches and from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. There is also the recognition of financial help, rendered in connection with the payment of church debts, in providing for the pastor's salary in times of illness or special distress, and also in the supplying of the pulpit, free of charge, under similar circumstances. The churches which worship in foreign languages also express their gratitude for kindly sympathy and help. In a general way help has been received by many churches through "fraternal sympathy and prayers,"

example, and advice, competition, and the provoking one another to good works, and by the very presence of other churches, for, "as men work better and are in better spirits with others working about them; so churches feel the encouragement merely of the presence of other churches near them and in sympathy with them." The conferences, pulpit exchanges, union meetings for reform, philanthropic, revival, evangelistic, and Christian Endeavor ends, are all referred to frequently as inspiring and helpful. Union sociables and Congregational clubs, union services on special occasions like Thanksgiving Day, Passion Week, and the Week of Prayer, union communion services, missionary meetings, and union services once a month on Sabbath evening, receive their due praise. Certain churches acknowledge assistance from united effort in the systematic canvassing of the families of the community, from the urging by some churches of members to take letters and unite with the churches in the places where they reside, and from invitations sent to the pastor and several brethren of one church to attend the annual meeting or supper and roll-call of another, a series of mid-week prayer-meeting exchanges, in connection with which a pastor of one church with several brethren visits a neighboring church on the evening of their mid-week prayer-meeting; and the pastor of the church visited, with a few of his brethren, return the call later on by arrangement upon the same evening, are highly indorsed. Individual movements worthy of special note, but concerning which there is no time for discussion, are the thirteen Congregational clubs of Massachusetts, the Springfield Congregational Union, the Worcester City Missionary Society, the Somerville Union, the inter-denominational conferences in the Cape district and in the territory covered by the northern Plymouth and southeastern Norfolk counties, and the Congregational Church Union of Boston. It is claimed that good results are following upon the efforts of the above organizations and movements, and there is sufficient evidence to show that, if a closer fellowship and cooperation of our churches in any locality is desired, it can be accomplished. The distinctive feature of Congregationalism — the independence of the local church — need in no way prove a barrier to the other desirable feature, — fellowship and helpfulness. The simple fact that the latter has been neglected, or at least not earnestly sought after, is no reason why there should not be an earnest search for the best methods by which the successful harmony of these two features shall be attained. The results of such efforts must be a truer denominational loyalty, a more spiritual people, and a larger and healthier growth of Congregational churches.

Question III.

What methods have you found that have most promoted the spiritual life of the church?

It is suggested by a certain writer that there must be "first a definite determined purpose to promote spiritual life. With that purpose any method which meets the cordial support of the church will prove good.

No one method will last forever." This statement would seem to explain the variety of replies to this question. At the same time, it is noticeable that the large majority of replies emphasize the well-tried methods of preaching, the prayer-meeting, the Sabbath school, pastoral visiting, piety, and personal work. There would seem to be an indication in the replies that, more than ever, special attention is being given to the children and young people, seeking their conversion and training them in Christian living and work. The following practical suggestions are offered in connection with the preaching service. Genuine, spiritual worship; plain gospel preaching; also biblical, expository, and educational preaching; the enrichment of the service; a prayer-meeting before the preaching service of the morning, and an ingathering service at the close of the evening meeting; five-minute sermons to children; cordiality to strangers, and a pew committee to extend the church's hospitality to them. In the Sabbath school, the faithful teaching of the Bible, and prayer-meetings held by the teachers for the conversion of scholars, are commended. The Young People's Society is declared to be a great source of spiritual power. It is also urged that the church should seek to provide for the intellectual welfare of the young. In many churches spiritual prayer-meetings are the special object sought after. Helpful results have followed a fresh and suggestive statement of the topics, also by printed topic cards, by using laymen as leaders, by seeking to have all present take some part in the service, by encouraging testimony bearing upon personal experience, thus making prominent the experimental side of the Christian life, by inducing the men and women who are silent in the meeting to write out and hand to the pastor some thoughts, to be read by him or others in the meeting, and by continuous expository Bible study in a devotional manner. There is recommended, also, secret prayer; circles for prayer; united prayer of the pastor and deacons for a consecrated membership; personal solicitation on the part of the pastor of each member to pray for definite objects which have been specified; cottage prayer-meetings; a communion prayer-meeting held on the morning of communion Sabbaths, and the observance of the appointed and special seasons of prayer throughout the calendar year. Other recommendations are pastoral visiting and systematic visitation by the members of the church; a wise use of evangelists: the helpful work of the different church organizations; the annual meeting and roll-call; special emphasis upon the preparatory service and the Lord's supper; the payment of church debts; revision of the church roll; careful, painstaking relief of temporal need among the poor, and then following the same with "spiritual meat"; electing spiritual persons to all places of leadership; urging the attendance of members upon all conventions, missionary rallies, etc., in the vicinity, and their return home with information and enthusiasm; systematic giving for missions and other benevolences; the godly life of a pastor made known in connection with a long pastorate; deep, slow spiritual culture rather than occasional spurts of emotionalism; the personal character and zeal of Christians; special efforts to get every one to

speak well and think kindly of all others in the parish; the encouraging of all to read the Bible by the use of daily Bible readings; self-consecration on the part of the pastor, and the special endeavor to have members rise above a merely nominal Christianity; activity in Christian work, and leaving the responsibility for their work upon the officers of the church and all its subordinate organizations. If there is any special value in this catalogue of methods, it will be discovered by each local church making an application of such as it has never tried before, but has faith to believe would prove helpful to it. It must ever be remembered that the spirit is primary and the method secondary. At Pentecost there were "cloven tongues like as of fire" and "other tongues," but none of them accomplished anything until they were filled with the Holy Ghost and spake as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Question IV.

In what way can the church do more for home missions and for good citizenship?

This is a question of vital importance, and while there is an intimate relation between home missions and good citizenship, nearly all the replies divided the question and gave separate answers. We will therefore consider first the replies pertaining to home missions.

The greatest need, emphasized again and again, is information. If the people are thoroughly informed upon the subject of missions, they will gladly and liberally support them. It is claimed that the first duty rests upon the pastor. Much depends upon him as to whether the people will do or give or go. Many of the replies claim that very little literature is received and read by the people, and that special efforts ought to be put forth to spread literature profusely in the homes of each parish. The consolidation of the different magazines into one is advocated by many. It is also urged that the early history of our country should be clearly taught the people and the lesson repeatedly impressed that freely we have received and therefore freely we ought to give. The monthly concert should be held regularly, and the pastor should preach frequently upon the subject. But thorough preparation should be made for both sermon and concert, the freshest facts should be given, and every phase of the subject should be presented in the most interesting and attractive manner. The secretaries from the different societies, and missionaries from the field, should be used whenever possible. At the same time the pastor or neighboring pastor can frequently present the subject fully as well as a stranger. It is also necessary to enforce the truths of individual responsibility, and that the church exists not for itself alone, but to extend the kingdom of God; that the care of alien nationalities in our land has special claims upon Christian people; that the moral and spiritual progress of our country is of greater importance than commercial growth, and that to save America is to save the world. Missionary rallies are also urged as a helpful means of information and education.

Systematic giving is freely indorsed in the reports as essential to grander results. Quite a number of churches are granting the people regular opportunities to contribute to the support of missions. The envelope system is made use of in a large number. Some advocate the sending of circular letters to each member of the church, or better still a personal canvass of each home in the parish, so that all may have the privilege of giving. These methods result in the contribution of much larger amounts. It is very positively urged by a goodly number that all gifts should be sent to the treasuries of Congregational societies, or at least through them to the places where they are to be used; and that our denominational work should receive first consideration by every Congregational church.

Suggestions bearing upon the direct work of the local church are also freely given. The principle of colonization rather than centralization is advocated by many. Strong churches should establish missions and send out colonies. Needless churches should be closed, and wherever possible the union of weak churches should be consummated, so that there will be no waste of money and effort. Mission churches should come to self-support as rapidly as possible. Mission Sabbath schools should be organized in every promising place by the church or churches nearest to the place. Ministers should be willing to preach in outlying districts, and their churches should second their efforts. City churches should send relays of missionary workers to the city missions. The barge has already proven itself to be one of the best missionary agents of the country town, and the lady evangelist is rapidly becoming an important factor in hill-town missionary endeavor. A number of replies place stress upon the deepening of the Christian life in the church, the consecration of wealth, the willingness to do personal work, prayer for the work and workers, the consecration of children to the work of Christ and properly educating them for this work; the support of known missionaries by individual churches, and the need of systematic plans by which all shall feel that they have a part in the blessed work of missions. One of our country churches furnishes an illustration of this latter idea. "We took up a special collection; planted a missionary lot of ground with potatoes; our young men together sawed up eight cords of wood and gave the proceeds; our women's working association contributed, and some nickels were given out to the children and others for investment in the spring, and returns were made at Thanksgiving." Here was a carefully planned arrangement by which all had some personal part in the obtaining of missionary funds. It is evident that with a spirit of enthusiasm, abundance of information, self-sacrifice, and systematic effort in all of our churches. the cause of home missions would never suffer from retrenchment, but would move forward each year to grander and more glorious achievements.

It is very evident that our churches believe that they have a mission in connection with the political conditions of our country. "Christianity in its truth and spirit is to be applied to everything." "The Church has to do with the State, even if the State has nothing to do with the

Church." The first great need in this particular direction, as indicated by the reports, would appear to be a nobler Christian character; so that the individual will "bring all political and economic questions to the bar of a Christian conscience for solution"; so that there shall be "less clipping of conscience and courting popular favor and social position for the sake of its political value," and so that there shall be the recognition of the fact that citizenship is a sacred trust, and that an individual "cannot be a good Christian and a bad citizen at the same time." The majority of the reports favor the pulpit denunciation of public evils, and in calling each voter to exercise his franchise in behalf of public righteousness, the pastor should seek to master the principles of civil government and political economy, and be careful to make only such declarations as cannot be gainsaid. Sermons on civic duties, and sentences in sermons on enforcing these duties, should be preached. Sunday evening lectures, patriotic concerts, temperance and good citizenship meetings, the observance of patriotic days with special services, discussion in the prayer-meeting of all questions pertinent to this subject, and frequent reference in the public prayers of the pastor to our local and national governments, are all recommended in the reports. It is also claimed that more information is needed, and to this end many favor Young People's Society Christian Endeavor Committees on Good Citizenship, classes for study and special lectures, the free distribution of literature, the organization of lyceum leagues among the young, the unfurling of the flag in or on the church edifice on all patriotic occasions, and the discussion of political questions from the moral standpoint in the Bible classes of the Sabbath school. Great emphasis is laid upon the active part which Christians should take in politics. There should be a direct interest in the affairs of the town or city. Men are to slight the prayer-meeting, if necessary, and attend the caucus or primary meeting and thus defeat the ends of scheming politicians in appointing the caucus on the prayer-meeting evening. Special attention should be given to the young people, especially the new voters of each year. The young men should be urged to attend the town and city councils, or any public meetings where real work is done for the good of the community. Young men should be encouraged to enter politics in the love and fear of God, to take office and administer it in his name. It is freely asserted that there should be less bondage to political parties, and that Christians should dare to stand by Christian principles and honest convictions in civic life, though it may mean personal material loss, and finally, that the Church must seek "by constant effort to inculcate that love of righteousness and those principles of self-control that must underlie good citizenship if it is to be a constant power rather than a series of spasmodic outbreaks." The Church must ever say with Paul to the Philippians, "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ."

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.[1]

The business of our office is increasing. The gain is not rapid, but it is steady, and it bids fair to be continuous and permanent.

During the year since the last meeting of the Association we have rendered official service in matters connected with filling the pastoral office to 127 churches. This includes three pairs of churches joined together under one pastor, making the number of pastoral fields 124. We count only that which has been done in answer to requests from committees or authorized representatives of churches. The furnishing of occasional or temporary supplies is not included. There has been a great variety in the nature and extent of the service. In some cases it has consisted only in answering inquiries respecting particular men whose names were given to us. In other instances it has been desired that candidates should be sent or directly proposed from our office. A frequent method has been to lay before committees of churches a full account of information received or opinions gathered with regard to a considerable number of available men; and the committees have thus been enabled to form a judgment of their own as to the men who might be most likely to meet the requirements of the case.

It is not easy to state the exact number of pastoral settlements that should be credited to the work of our office. There were at least fifty in which we had an important share. Of these, there were four-fifths that followed upon recommendations made directly and originally by us, and which might thus be regarded as distinctively our own. Much the larger part of these settlements have been in Massachusetts. Our correspondence with churches has doubtless, in some cases, caused caution to be exercised as to the making of pastoral engagements, — a thing never pleasant, but sometimes needful.

Opportunities to preach as candidates for settlement have been furnished to one hundred and three men. Of these, seventy-six were residents of Massachusetts. With churches that have received their candidates from us, the average number of such candidates that have been heard before a settlement has been reached has been two and three fifths. Sixteen churches have taken the first candidate sent. It is fair to say that several of these churches with whom the process was so quick, were of the smaller churches, who might not regard their range of choice as wide. But they were by no means all of them of this description. And there were none with whom there might not have been a considerable range of selection.

The average age of the men settled was forty-one and three fourths years. Ten were under thirty and seven were over over sixty.

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Of the whole number of churches served by us in matters relating to the pastorate there were nineteen churches having a membership of over three hundred, thirty-nine having a membership of from one hundred to three hundred, and sixty-six with a membership of less than one hundred. Of these churches sixteen pay a salary of over $2,000; forty-three of between $1,000 and $2,000, and sixty-five a salary of less than $1,000. These figures include the parsonages at their estimated value. The double fields are counted as one.

The smaller churches are often so situated as to have less ready access to other sources of information than the larger churches may have. And they are usually less able to send about committees of their own to hear the men whom they wish to consider as candidates. The services of the Board may thus be of greater comparative value to the smaller than to the larger churches. Yet it will be seen that the proportion of strong churches conferring with us has not been small. The large and rapidly increasing store of information collected at our office is likely to be found convenient for the use even of the churches best able to look over the whole field for themselves. Or if in some cases this should never happen, yet such churches we believe will appreciate in the true spirit of Christian fellowship the opportunity of assisting those that are weaker, by giving their effective support to an agency of which others may stand in greater need than themselves.

The whole number of churches in Massachusetts that were without a pastor a year ago was, by our reckoning, fifty-one. The number at present is forty-six. It is not easy to give these figures with absolute accuracy, since it is not always known whether a resignation that is reported to have occurred has actually taken effect. We include all pastorates which we suppose are to close before the end of the present month. The number of pastoral vacancies occurring during the year has been sixty-nine; and the number of settlements seventy-four; of the existing vacancies a considerable number are with churches with a very small membership that are seldom furnished with a pastor of their own. In most cases each candidate, of those sent or recommended from our office, has had a clear and free field until the question as to himself has been decided. The influence of the Board is always exerted, so far as seems wise, to this end.

Serious difficulties in the settlement of a pastor have scarcely ever arisen in the case of the churches conferring with us. And while the method commonly followed by the churches of moderate size, of bringing a candidate directly before the whole church, may have its risks, yet where the record of each man is known and carefully considered beforehand, the risks are comparatively small, and the method has some compensating advantages of its own. We have information leading us to believe that a very large proportion of the pastoral settlements effected through connection with our office continue to be regarded with satisfaction. And it may be considered that it will soon be possible, by comparing these pastorates with others in the matter of permanence, to bring the value of the service of our Board to a very important if not decisive test.

The financial report which we have to make is much less favorable than we could wish, though even in this there has been some gain from the preceding year. The receipts of the Board have been from contributions by the churches, $1,411.74; from preaching by the Secretary, $478.76; from registration and other office fees collected from without the State, $162.80.

The payments have been for rent of office, $150; postage, $101.65; telegraphing, $13.17; advertising, stationery, and printing, $115.70; care of room and incidentals, $23.30; travelling expenses of secretary, $81.07; salary of secretary's assistant, $416.64; salary of secretary in part, $1,168.19.

There is now due the secretary $1,577.58. Much more than half of this deficiency existed at thd close of the first financial year of the Board, July 1, 1895. Since that time, although there has been a large falling behind, yet it has been at a less rapid rate than last year; and this notwithstanding the fact that individual contributions to a considerable amount were received last year, while during the present year there have been none such, and we have depended wholly upon the gifts of the churches.

Nearly half of the churches in the State have made as yet no contribution. And while many have sent us their gifts for the second year that did not for the first, yet the deficiency occasioned by the lack of these gifts for the former year still continues. It was expected from the first that the difficulty in collecting money would prove one of the chief embarrassments of our work. The agency is new. Its necessity, or propriety, has been doubted by many. To raise money is a thing in its nature ordinarily not easy. The times have been hard. Other benevolent claims have been pressing. Small matters are easily forgotten or let pass as of no serious importance. We have been ourselves more concerned for the prosperity of the business than for the raising of the money needed to carry it on, and perhaps have not set forth the lack of funds with sufficient urgency. The secretary still lives, partly by faith, partly by works, and partly, and in far too large a part, by the fading remembrances of works long past. While the churches are making use of the office so largely, according to the purpose of its appointment, no one can be in the least disheartened concerning its ultimate secure establishment. Yet the need of a much more abundant present support is in fact very great.

It should be said that several conferences, the Worcester North, the Berkshire South, the Norfolk, and the Barnstable, make the needed collections from the churches through their own treasurers, which is very helpful to us. Others have recently voted to do it. Nearly all the churches of the Essex South conference have contributed; and a good proportion in the Essex North and Andover conferences. The contributions have also been large, relatively, from the whole southeastern portion of the State.

Besides the deficiency already referred to, our office is very inadequately furnished with the appliances and conveniences required for the conducting of a large correspondence, and for the filing of papers, and the keeping of books and documents. A comparatively small outlay would be of great advantage in the economical and effective carrying on of our business.

The pressure of men looking for ministerial work in this part of the country has continued and increased. The difficulty in securing satisfactory settlements has also increased. For every church offering hopeful conditions of labor, and paying a salary of $800 or $700 with a parsonage, and still more for churches larger than these, there are many available candidates. Some of them are men now out of employment. Others are men desiring a change from their present positions. Often with either class the conditions leading to the desire for settlement or change of settlement are urgent, — not seldom they are distressing. Our inability to render to many of these men the assistance which they desire and deserve is a matter of constant embarrassment and painfulness. Knowledge of the wants and necessities of our brother ministers not only in Masaschusetts, but in all the neighboring and the distant States, comes to us every day. The men with whom we are thus brought into communication from other States outnumber — and many times outnumber — the churches in those States that makes application to us for pastors. To make to these ministers such explanations of the difficulty of rendering them assistance as courtesy might seem to require, or such at least as brotherly sympathy would impel us to give, would occupy of itself a very large share of the time of the secretary. We fear it must often seem to these brethren that their applications to us are forgotten, or their wishes slighted. But our special field of operation for the placing of men is limited, and the general conditions of hardship are wholly beyond our power to remove.

The long period of business and financial depression through which the country is passing is the occasion in a considerable part, of this general hardship as affecting ministers. Salaries have fallen, cutting off the means of comfortable living. The growth of churches has been checked and the formation of new churches hindered, throughout the whole country. Missionary operations at the same time, and for the same reasons, have been curtailed. Thus the demand for ministers has been lessened, while the sources of ministerial supply continue open. Besides what comes of the special severity of the times, it may be that there is an increasing pressure of competition in the ministry and in all the learned professions, which is due to other and more permanent causes, and which may not be expected soon to pass away.

It would be most unjust to think that this pressure for pastoral settlement, or for change of settlement, is to be charged mainly to any peculiar or new or blamable restlessness on the part of ministers themselves. It is far more largely due to occasions that call for the most considerate attention and the profoundest sympathy. While there are exceptions, it may yet be most distinctly said that our brethren for the larger part are patient and trustful. This grows more evident to us as our experience in this work continues and widens. And as to what would deserve to be called positive unworthiness, the number of men in our ministry upon whom it could be charged is extremely small.

These are trying times for the churches, too, as well as their pastors. Reductions in the ministers' salaries have not often been wantonly or

thoughtlessly made. It has been of necessity. The income of the other members of the churches has suffered as great a reduction as that of the pastor. The last year has been the hardest for the farmers of New England, at least, if not for the whole country, that has been known within this generation; and the harder for its following after other years almost as bad. Families have been pinched for the means of living. Churches have been maintained with difficulty, especially in the smaller country towns. The secretary is often in the homes of the members of these churches; and he bears witness to the faithfulness and devotion that are to be found among them. There are in them men, and women in greater numbers, whose gifts to the church and otherwise, in furtherance of the kingdom of God, are costly and large, and the story of whose service is likely to be told forever in heaven as a memorial of them. These country churches themselves, keeping the faith and holding the ancient soil, are of inestimable worth to every public and Christian end. Their claim to be maintained, and assisted where they need it, can be made second to no other appeal. And if the stronger churches, wherever they are, in village or town, would share more freely of their comparative abundance with these, the pastors of the weaker churches might receive better support, their cares would be lightened, and their hands strengthened for their work, and every general and Christian interest would be advanced. The hands of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society should be strengthened to do this thing.

One of the hardships of a minister's life is in the removal of his home with the making of pastoral changes. In many cases the trouble is increased by the difficulty of meeting the cost of moving and of setting up the furnishings required in the new house. It would be a material relief often if the parsonages themselves could be provided with furniture, in considerable part, as is now done to some extent among the Methodists. Gifts for this purpose might well be made by those wishing to help both the church and its pastor. And permanent funds might be established for this use with little risk of any harm coming to the church through the possession of such a property.

Another trial of our pastors, with their diminishing salaries, arises from the difficulty of sending their children to the higher schools, which have grown expensive far beyond the measure of former years. It is not the business of this Board to found inexpensive Christian colleges. But with all the materials for the support of life cheaper, on the whole, than they ever were before, it would seem possible that a boy or girl should be supported and fairly taught in college at a cost not larger than half the average salary of a New England home missionary pastor; nor larger than the whole average pay of a New England workman; nor larger than the whole annual amount that can possibly be saved for that purpose by the average New England farmer. All these things our ministers feel.

The delicacy of the special work put into our care, with its difficulty at many points, continues to impress us. We have much in mind the great desirableness of bringing this business, as far as possible, within the

scope and control of general rules or fixed usages, to the end that the administration of the office may be, to some good extent, an administration of laws and not of men. It is likely that this can be secured, to a great degree, beyond what might at first have been thought.

We mean that the work of the office shall be constantly conducted under a sense of responsibility to the churches, and that nothing shall ever be done as of any private or personal right.

We desire that it should be understood by all our ministers that our office is open to their entrance by distinct public appointment, and that their coming to it and their use of it involves no manner of personal humiliation, being a matter of recognized public expediency and public right. At the same time, we direct that, in all recommendations made and all conferences held, the interests of the churches shall be regarded as of primary importance.

We hold our work within its bounds. We send general proffers of service to churches that are without a pastor, which are notifications only of what we are ready to do. If the church replies, making any request, then we do whatever we are asked to do. But we do not obtrude any advice, nor make recommendations that are not sought for. Adherence to this rule will, of itself, preserve the independence of the churches against so much as the attempt at any encroachment upon it.

We gather information concerning men from a wide range of sources, freeing it, as far as possible, from any narrow personal bias.

We purpose that, so far as the uses of any church may require it, and so far as we are able to give it, the exact truth shall be conveyed to any church seeking information or counsel from us.

Whenever information, disparaging in its nature, concerning any minister, comes into our possession, we intend and require that it shall not, under any circumstances whatever, be communicated or suggested to any person except to an authorized representative of some church having a right to the knowledge, and that only with every precaution against the misunderstanding or misusing, or the circulating injuriously or needlessly of the information given. Our office is never to become a fountain pouring forth evil reports and scandals.

We intend always to receive and consider all criticism of every sort upon what we do, meaning to correct errors when we can, and desiring to shape our methods in the end according to the best wisdom that is current among us.

By such rules as these, and by others like them, we hope to guard our work, to some good degree, against the dangers that might beset it. And we trust that our service may thus be carried on in truth and fairness and helpfulness toward the churches and toward the brethren who minister to them. We desire, also, that it may be guided and accepted of God.

We recommend to the General Association that it should call the attention of the churches again to its own recommendations already made concerning the support of the Board by the contributions of the churches.

And we ask your continuing forbearance with respect to the imperfections and inadequacies of the service which we are endeavoring to render.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING.

This Association last year authorized this Committee to call the attention of municipalities in which race-track gambling was likely to occur, to the prospective violation of the statutes, and to request enforcement. We did so. We have the reliability of the mails as our ground for thinking that our communications were received. In one case the reception was acknowledged by the proper official. Nevertheless gambling was not suppressed, nor so far as we learn did the municipalities addressed make any effort to suppress it.

From Worcester County westward gambling has been suppressed as often as the local government has undertaken to do so. This raises the question why a statute operative in one part of the State is ineffectual in another, and conspicuously so within ten miles of the State House.

The answer may be indicated by the statement authorized for publication by Mr. Henry Chase of the Watch and Ward Society, 28 School Street, Boston, Mass. Speaking of the attempt made by his society (last summer) to make arrests under the law against gambling, he says: "It was . . . evident that the gamblers received in some way information in advance, and consequently no incriminating evidence was found." He adds: "There is always present at the track an abundant police force, but the officers, as they themselves say, are there for the purpose of maintaining order, and though cognizant of all that is done, make no effort to stop it. Indeed, they usually appear to be in sympathy with the gamblers, as are also in some instances the local governments by which they are appointed. Indeed, many of the citizens in some of the places in which the tracks are located favor them, having the idea that they bring money into the place. Under these circumstances I see no way to prevent pool-selling and registering of bets at the race-tracks except through an enlightened and thoroughly aroused public sentiment."

Here we have an abundant, though utterly unsatisfactory, explanation of the illegality, viz.:

(*a*) That in localities where there is race-track gambling, police, drawing salaries on condition of taking an oath to enforce all law, do keep order on the race-tracks and do not arrest the gamblers; that is, prevent illegality that would hinder gambling and ignore the law which would restrain gambling.

(*b*) That the governments controlling these police, after remonstrance addressed and presumably received, neither stopped the illegality, nor, so far as can be learned, made any attempt to stop it.

(*c*) That many of the people like to have it so, and do not discipline the governments which fail to discipline their lax police.

Here we describe a condition of civil society in which laws are enforced or neglected to serve the behests of a criminal class. It is government in

behalf of gamblers; securing to them where it exists a monopoly of gambling profits contrary to good neighborhood and to the interests of all the law-abiding vicinage.

It is recommended, therefore, that this Association continue this Committee, and authorize it to repeat with increased emphasis in all places where it may seem to be needed its desire that the law against gambling may be enforced like all other laws; that it invite the serious effort of all clergymen and laymen of our own and other denominations where the law has not been enforced to unite to develop the public opinion which will insist upon enforcement.

It only remains to add in closing that the National Council at Syracuse accepted your request for a committee to be appointed by that body to concert interstate measures to repress gambling; and that the pamphlet prepared and authorized by your Committee to furnish information upon this subject can be had from our publishing society in the Congregational House.

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REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Brethren: The facts presented in our report are based upon the answers returned from the six hundred Sunday schools of the Congregational denomination in this State to a series of inquiries issued by the committee, February 27th. Nearly two thirds of the schools responded. We therefore believe that this report fairly represents the position of the denomination upon the points presented, and we respectfully desire your careful attention so that you may learn the condition of this important department of our religious life and inform us how to improve its efficiency and so increase its power for good.

The larger part of our Sunday schools are self-supporting, the money being raised by weekly (envelope) collections by classes. After providing for the running expenses of the schools, quarterlies, library books, singing books, clothing for destitute children, etc., the remainder is devoted to benevolent objects. Some schools defray the expenses of Christmas festivals, Sunday school concerts, picnics, etc., from the treasury, while others provide for such expenditures by voluntary subscriptions.

A fair average of the returns show that forty-four per cent. of the church members are members of the Sunday school, and that an average of seventy-two per cent. of the Sunday school attend church with considerable regularity.

To secure new members but very little is offered in the way of inducements to the pupils, and it is a fair question, ought we to do something in that line after the new method of our Y. M. C. A.'s in membership contests between the "reds and the blues" which have resulted in such large accessions to the membership of so many associations? Certainly this method is not open to the just criticism which is made concerning other systems for increasing the membership of some organizations. The Sunday School committee of the Christian Endeavor Society may render invaluable service as a recruiting squad for the Sunday school.

How best to secure constant attendance is also answered in various ways. Some schools have adopted the Roll of Honor with its seals for perfect attendance each quarter, and its badges for its honorables. In one school twenty-five per cent. of its members were present every Sunday during the first quarter of 1896. One boy has a perfect record of attendance for two years and three months. Some schools have a banner, which is entrusted monthly to the care of the class having the best average attendance. Some superintendents present a book or some gift of equal value to each member who is present at every session during the school year.

The display of the national flag in Sunday school rooms at every session is increasing, and on Patriots' Day, in one school, at least, the salute to the flag was given, and the pledge which is in use in our public schools was repeated by the entire school. A similar service will be held

at the Sunday school session Memorial Sunday, with recitations and singing appropriate to the day.

In some of the churches where the pastor gives a short talk to the children during the morning service the attendance of the little people is perceptibly increased.

In some Sunday schools the superintendent is chosen by the church, and the remaining officers by the school itself.

In some schools the officers, with the addition of two or more other members of the school, constitute an executive committee, with which all business matters originate; and a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the teachers is held monthly, at which, after the transaction of routine business, a paper, prepared after a month's notice, is read, followed by a free discussion of the suggestions made by the writer.

Your committee is pleased to recognize the increased attention being paid to the opportunity, and, may we not say, responsibility for missionary Sunday-school work in the outlying districts of our towns and cities. The reports which have come in show a goodly number of our churches reaching out into these neglected neighborhoods and organizing there a Sunday school. It is a *much-needed* and a *well-paying* work, and should be done in many more places *right here in our own State*. Pastors and friends, have you not some such place near you? Will you not possess it for Jesus Christ?

Your committee desires to express its great gratification at the replies that have been received to the inquiries sent out respecting the Sunday-school missionary work that is being done by the churches. There are in our State, as in other of the older States, many out districts, where, for the lack of interest, few if any of the people attend church. Here is an opportunity for the church to do missionary work right at her own doors, and it is a work which greatly needs to be done. While we are doing such grand work in the destitute districts upon the frontier we must be watchful of those over against our own houses here at home. In one of our New England states a church three years ago awoke to its opportunity, yea! its responsibility, and though it was a small church it took it upon itself to go to a neighborhood about three miles distant and organize a Sunday school, and cared for it Sunday after Sunday and blessed results followed. Within one year nine joined the old church on confession and the new school has already become self-supporting. Since then this same church has started schools in two other districts within five miles and there excellent work is being done. Now similar work could be carried on by many of the churches here in our own State. There are opportunities enough right at hand. The reports that have come in show that our churches are awakening and many have already been reaching out into such districts and supporting branch or mission schools there. It requires hard work, yes, and *self-denial*, to carry on such efforts. Many hindrances at times arise, but to this we are called. In most cases the work is being done by the Sabbath school. In some, however, by the Christian Endeavor Society, through its missionary committee. One pastor says, "Entering upon this work has put new life into our church

and school." It is always best, where circumstances favor it, to have the superintendent of the missionary school some one who is in the district, but if the proper leader cannot be found there, let some one from the church go out and superintend the work until the suitable person can be found there who will take it up and carry it forward. Shall we not awake to the need and the opportunity and see to it that so far as in us lies there shall not be one "outlying district" in the Old Bay State that is not supplied with at least the privilege of a Sunday school.

The need of special training for teachers in our Sunday schools becomes more apparent each year. Experience shows that there should be some permanent source of supply in every school. The superintendent, who has to devote the first ten minutes of the study hour to securing substitutes for absent teachers, will appreciate the value of having a number of qualified persons at his command. Eighteen schools have Normal Classes, thirty have Teachers' Meetings, or classes of some kind. At some places such classes are composed of representatives of several schools. As in the day school more is required of the teacher, so in the Sunday school a closer knowledge of the Scriptures is demanded and a clearer idea of how to present the truth.

While the personal element still has and always will have great value, and a correct example of Christian living will always be necessary for the work of a teacher, how much more would this be enhanced if in addition to all these, there is a systematic knowledge of the Scriptures that can be so applied as to induce the scholars to search for the truth, and a power that shall draw out in the class the knowledge that has been gained.

If a training class under the lead of a competent instructor should be organized and carried on many who are now teachers would receive great benefit, while those who are younger and are willing to become teachers would become well qualified to do the best work, and the school would secure a constant supply of competent teachers. Such a class might meet at the same hour as the school, or upon some evening during the week. With such a class the frequent reply, "I can't, I am not prepared," would give way to a willingness to serve when called upon. Let each school so consider this matter and so act that in the future substantial progress may be made; so that the short half hour devoted to the consideration of the lesson may tell for the most in the study of the Word.

Maps of the Holy Land, blackboards, and pictures representing the scene of the lesson are well-nigh universally in use, and oftentimes some person, other than the pastor or superintendent, usually appointed a week in advance, gives a short summary of the truths taught in that day's lesson.

About one Sunday school in six has some system of examinations and promotions, and nearly one-half the replies deem it desirable, and many express the intention of doing something about it. Promotions are usually made on Children's Sunday, in June, and are limited largely to the Primary department. About two-thirds of the schools which grade divide into Primary, Intermediate, and Adult departments, and about one-half of them add a fourth grade, the Bible Class; while about one in five add the Kindergarten department. Such thorough grading is perhaps

possible only in quite large schools, but your committee is satisfied of the truth of its position, that more and better grading is possible, especially in many country towns where nothing of the sort is attempted. We respectfully refer to your consideration the paper presented to the Association by Prof. J. B. Taylor of our committee for further facts and suggestions along this line of Sunday-school work.

The supreme importance of the spiritual power of the Sunday schools must be acknowledged by all intelligent Christians, of whatever denomination. That Sunday school which secures the largest proportion of spiritual gain as the result of its endeavors achieves the greatest success in the best sense of the word.

It naturally follows that this portion of our report is deserving of your most careful, prayerful attention. The answers to our inquiries reveal that the best spiritual results may be secured by "increased scriptural and spiritual power in the teacher, by impressing upon the teachers that they must not be satisfied until all the members of their classes have confessed Christ. Make the opening and closing exercises occasions especially for spiritual impressions. Increasing consecration on the part of both officers and teachers, and an increasing willingness to be used of God. Occasional evangelistic talks by the pastor and others, and special conferences of pastor, officers, and teachers may be helpful. Distribution of cards with personal questions concerning spiritual life and service for the scholars to answer and return.

Some of the answers to the question, "What special means have been demonstrated as helpful?" are here repeated. Follow the direction of the Holy Spirit given in answer to prayer. Sincere and thorough work of teachers and Christian members of classes. Have teachers come into more direct personal relations with scholars both in and out of school. Insist on orderly and reverent behavior, promptness and general faithfulness on the part of teachers and scholars alike. Character building is one great aim. Rely upon prayer, patience, punctuality, tact, and watchfulness. Select earnest men and women as teachers who place the spiritual interests of their scholars first in their thoughts and aims. Get the right teachers for the right classes. One who is just the teacher for a certain class may be an utter failure with another. By having teachers whose every day lives correspond with their Sunday teaching. Increased interest and effort on the part of parents. The co-operation of the Sunday school committee of the Christian Endeavor Society. By Sunday-school concerts, by remarks by pastor at close of session, by attractive singing, by the aid of the Christian Endeavor Society, by inviting the scholars to the homes of the teachers for personal conversation and prayer, by making practical application of truths taught in the lesson at the close of the session. By making the annual supper and entertainment an occasion for spiritual seed sowing. The pastor may have simple pledges distributed among the scholars asking them to pledge themselves to become Christians. Rally Sunday with special exercises. The Christian Endeavor Society each Sunday may extend a cordial invitation to the school to meet with it. The Y. M. C. A.

is a most helpful stimulant to right decision in spiritual matters with boys and young men. One month in the winter was devoted to holding evangelistic services in one Sunday school and a large number announced their purpose to become Christians in these services. Having teachers' meetings, in which the teachers tell their experiences in trying to reach their scholars, and so each teacher is kept informed and endeavors to help the others in this good work. The District Sunday School Conventions are a great help to some. Have teachers educated in State Normal School. Our Sunday school membership is constantly passing into the relation of church membership, resulting from personal talks with pastor, superintendent or teachers. Observance of certain days by special exercises. Encourage all to commit as many Bible verses to memory as possible, and have recitations in unison. Personal interviews with absentees. The last weekly prayer meeting in each month devoted to the Sunday school, the superintendent leading; members of the school specially invited to be present. Monthly prayer meeting before morning service. Prayer services during school hour and addresses by evangelists. Occasionally devote the entire session to personal work, using evangelistic methods. A special service for children on Saturday afternoons conducted by ladies, with an occasional visit by superintendent. Confidential talks with pupils at their homes accomplish much more than public efforts. Making special mention of individual or class excellence in attendance. A visiting committee assigned to districts, inviting members of families to attend the Sunday school, and reporting families needing help from the school. Many have been added through these efforts. Have teachers, necessarily absent, provide their own substitutes. Meeting after school. Many others in response to this inquiry, confessing ignorance, ask eagerly for information, expressing their willingness to adopt such methods as have proved useful elsewhere. And it is to aid such that we report in detail so many different methods of successful work along these lines of service.

A few schools report the existence of a prayer meeting in connection with the weekly session. One school sustains a meeting especially for boys. The formation of companies affiliated with the Boys' Brigade movement has been demonstrated as practicable and very helpful.

A goodly proportion of teachers write letters to their pupils upon their birthdays and at other stated times. The habit of observing a stated hour each day as a prayer time by the pupils and another by the teachers for the pupils is in vogue in but very few schools, and it is just here that a sad waste of spiritual power is incurred. We believe that a general observance of this method would result in large spiritual gain. In very few of our schools, and then only rarely, are the members given an opportunity to publicly express their desire to become Christians. Are we not losing some priceless opportunities just here as invitations to do so may fittingly be given after studying some of the lessons during each quarter?

Many of the Sunday schools testify to the especial helpfulness of the Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor societies.

Home Department.

This comparative new department of the Sunday school has gained great popularity within the past few years. It has been adopted by most denominations and in many lands.

In our State 126 Congregational Sunday schools report home departments with a membership of 5,762 students. Every home department student is a member of the Sunday school and should be so reported. This has not been done in a large number of schools. If it had been done, our total enrollment would have been reported two thousand larger than the figures given.

Several of the departments are reported as having over two hundred members, and a large number with twenty-five or less. The largest home department is that of the Central church, Chelsea (330 members).

In every instance where the plan has been tried, the reports are most encouraging, and many have wondered why it has not been proposed before. The universal testimony is that it does not detract from the other departments of the school, and, as many fear, encourage laziness and absence from the school, but as the superintendent of one department puts it, "There is a steady accession from the home department to the main school." In several instances whole classes have been transferred.

About one-half of the departments are self-supporting, and many give largely to benevolence. One department of thirty members gave $35.00 last year.

In response to the question, "How do you value it, and what seems to you to be its most important feature," the following reply is characteristic of them all. "Value it most highly. Aside from the study of the Bible the interest created in Sunday school work is one of its most important features." From the testimony of those engaged in this department, we feel confident that it is one of the most important agencies of the church. It secures systematic study of the scriptures in the home by those who from any cause cannot attend. With this study, interest in all church and Sunday-school affairs is secured.

The home department is very easily worked, adapted to any community, and is very flexible in its plan of working. It should be a part of every Sunday school, and when our Congregational Publishing Society has made such a liberal offer to those who wish to organize a department, there seems to be no excuse for not having one.

Bishop J. H. Vincent, founder of the Chautauqua University, says of this department, "But then, not everybody does go to church and Sunday school. To him who does not go, the school at home becomes invaluable, and he will get some good — great good — until he does go. He will get a taste at home of the precious things they have in the sanctuary. Sometimes people who want to go, cannot; distance hinders, weather hinders, illness hinders. To those people the stay-at-home school is a blessing. It passes the time away swiftly and pleasantly. It takes people 'out of themselves.' It prevents gloominess and melancholia. It brings good company into the house — prophets and apostles, kings and angels,

and the Christ himself. It opens great windows that give far-reaching perspectives. A Sunday school at home is a great thing for a home. Let us have a country full of such schools."

This new department of Sunday school work is of great promise, securing systematic Bible study in the home by those who cannot attend the regular sessions, and also creating wider interest in the school.

The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society offers to furnish free, to any Congregational Sunday school desiring to start a home department, the material necessary for the canvass and organization, and to provide the lesson helps and papers required for the first three months at fifty per cent. reduction from the regular prices.

Just a word about the Sunday school libraries. There were never so many books as now suitable for that of the primary department, whose superintendent and teachers should be a committee to peruse and select the very choicest of them all for the use of the eager little readers under their care. So, too, for the library of the main school, a competent committee, making a wise selection from the multitude of good books published annually, and without attempting to compete with the public library of the city or town, may add at stated intervals to said library the cream of the cream in all literature, so that the library, instead of being ignored by many as formerly, may become of prime importance. The home department should have the preference in the selection of books.

In but proportionately few of our schools does the music receive its rightful attention. An orchestra, composed of members of the school, may lead in the singing, being very materially aided by a chorus of mixed voices. There is no sweeter music than that of a boys' choir, and the patience and time it takes to train one is well spent. At the same time unknown talent is discovered; and some of the sweetest solo voices have been so developed. Oftentimes the impression made upon the hearts of the pupils by the study of the lesson may be transformed into action by the effective singing of an appropriate hymn by a single voice, or by two or more voices, followed by those of a well-trained choir or chorus. The testimony of Dwight L. Moody upon this point, so familiar to you all, needs but to be mentioned to convince everyone of its importance to us.

Our Sunday-school work must not go backward, it cannot stand still, and to have it go forward will require more intelligent teaching, more spiritual living, and more power in prayer than ever before. Shall we fulfil the necessary conditions and so secure the harvest for our risen Lord and Master?

Respectfully submitted,

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THE S. S. AS RELATED TO THE CHURCH.

Question 1. Is your school supported wholly by the church or is it self-supporting?

357 replies: Self-supporting, 269; supported by church, 45; combined church and S. S., 41; invested funds, 1; school or superintendent, 1. Total, 357.

Question 2. If self-supporting how is money raised?

272 answers: weekly S. S. contribution, 268; freewill offering, 1; contribution and subscription, 1; contribution and endowment, 1; harvest festival, 1. Total, 272.

Question 3. If combined support how is money raised?

39 answers: church appropriation and special collection, 1; church appropriation and weekly S. S. contribution, 24; collection, 9; occasional collection by church, balance by S. S., 5. Total, 39.

Question 4. What disposition is made of funds collected in Sunday school?

350 answers: home expenses, 48; benevolent and home expenses, 240; missionary work, 53; home expenses and balance to church, 7; to church, 2. Total, 350.

Question 5. What percentage of church members are members of Sunday schools?

306 answers were sufficiently definite to establish a rate of percentage: lowest, 10 per cent; highest, 95 per cent; average, $43\frac{2}{3}$ per cent.

Question 6. What percentage of Sunday school attend church with considerable regularity?

306 answers were sufficiently definite to reduce to percentage: lowest, 10 per cent; highest, 100 per cent; average, $71\frac{9}{10}$ per cent.

Question 7. What special effort is made to secure the attendance noted in questions 5 and 6?

No special effort, 155; no answer, 88; personal work, 16; pastor's invitation, 22; invitation, 17; occasional invitation, 6; through teachers, 7; prizes and marking, 11; special services for children, either regular or occasional, 10; various other methods, 19. Total, 351.

Question 8. How are officers of school elected?

By church, 77; by Sunday school, 134; by church on recommendation of school, 25; superintendent by church, others by school, 56; by school and approved by church, 14; church on recommendation of teachers, 12; various methods, 34.

HOW CAN WE MAKE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL A MORE EFFECTIVE NURSERY OF THE CHURCH?

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I take this topic in the form in which it was assigned to me. You will notice that it recognizes the Sunday school as being already a nursery of the church, and as having a degree of efficiency; and the question for discussion is: "How can the effectiveness of the Sunday school as a nursery of the church be *increased?*"

At the very beginning, I wish to make a grateful and hearty acknowledgment of the voluntary, unpaid labor which is now being done so willingly and lovingly in the Sunday school, for Christ's sake. I have a great admiration for the work of the International Committee, the thousands of hard-working superintendents, and the tens of thousands of consecrated teachers, who, like other folks, weary from the week's work, and needing rest, conscious of being unable to prepare, as they themselves deem necessary, for their Sunday tasks, and serving, not from ambition, but that the world's need may be met in some measure,—labor, and are spent for Christ's sake. Measured by its motive, and consecration, the work of such is as noble as is that of the ministry.

I wish to bear witness also to the obedience and faithfulness of thousands and thousands of children, who willingly and well devote their time and attention to Sunday-school work. They are not all bad, and none of them are altogether bad. They are not all ignorant of the Bible, nor possessed of devils, many current and slanderous stories to the contrary, notwithstanding.

As the result of this united and highly consecrated work, great good has already been accomplished. No other book is as generally known as the Bible. No other book is published in so many forms and in such large editions; none other is circulated as widely, and talked and written about so much. Its teachings have supplied the consciences of millions of people with the true conception of what is right, and to a large degree are revolutionizing defective systems of education, commerce, and government. The Sunday schools of our denomination in the United States have an enrollment of 682,580 members, to which should be added 71,857 members of our mission schools, making a total in our country of 754,437. Moreover, there is to-day, outside of church membership, a great deal of fine, manly living, which is largely the product of the earnest work done for the earlier years of life in the Sunday school. And some people who do not now live nobly, and seem to have lost the good of the teaching which helped their young life, will yet turn to God, and prove to be a blessing to

the world. For these great results we have reason to be profoundly grateful.

Now if the Sunday school has been thus useful, how may it be made a *more effective* nursery of the church?

In the first place let us once and for all drop the word "nursery" from the Sunday school vocabulary, or limit its use to the juvenile department. It represents a truth, but it is likely to be misleading. Old men and women who are still capable of study, growth, and work, dislike to go through a door, over which is posted the motto, "Feed my Lambs;" and young men and women, some of them graduates from our universities do not care to remain in any place that is styled a "nursery." The Sunday school of to-day must be recognized as an "Educational Institution." It represents the wide field of Bible study. As matter of fact, very little, almost no *systematic* study of the Bible is carried on in our parishes, outside of the Sunday school movement. If all ages and classes are to be brought into the school, it should be designated by names that describe more properly its undertakings.

Notwithstanding the good work which the Sunday school does, the question before us implies a feeling that this institution is not accomplishing enough, that more can and ought to be done by the school to nourish the life of the church. We apprehend that this belief is widely prevalent, and see in it the reason to hope for great advances in the work of biblical education. The free churches of England are just now greatly agitated by a discussion of the same topic. Prof. Walter F. Adeney, M. A., professor of New Testament Exegesis, History, and Criticism, at New College, has just written three notable articles on "The Reform of the Sunday School," which have precipitated a wide, earnest, and helpful discussion by many leading English preachers and workers. This discussion is for us, however, rather an English symptom than an American cure, since it makes evident the fact, that our notions and methods of Sunday school work are, for the most part, already far in advance.

But let us be frank and sincere in owning our defects. Our schools are not good enough. Something besides their continuance, in their present form, is needed. There is still widely prevalent a deplorable amount of ignorance of what the Bible is, and what it teaches. There is a shocking lack of intelligent interest in the importance and aims of the Sunday school. Suitable provisions for its work are seldom made, either as to buildings, or the training of teachers, and the management of scholars. There is little authority at any point, and slip-shod methods are too easily accepted by ministers, churches, and parents, as being adequate. Compared with what it might be, and what it ought to be, much of our so-called Bible knowledge is miserably superficial, and fails to exercise a salutary effect on the mind and character of the people.

This has lead to a certain disrespect of the Sunday school. It is slightingly spoken of and treated by many educated people, and by the ignorant, who have caught their spirit, but lost their careful discernment.

This result is not strange when we consider how naturally parents and

scholars contrast the Sunday school of to-day with our highly perfected system of common school education. The weaknesses of the former are seen at once. Its methods, as they are often seen, would not be tolerated a week in even a country district school. What would a diploma be thought to be worth from a school where attendance was largely voluntary, where the scholars were not graded, where many teachers served only because they were asked to help out the superintendent, and, in cases, freely acknowledged that they did not know the lesson, where leading questions were frequently, if not generally asked, with text books often wide open? Would a course in Greek or Latin or the sciences be thought valuable if pursued under such methods? What sort of a preparatory course would it make for Harvard or Yale? Yet we are quite generally using this as the course preparatory to the Kingdom of God. The ignorance of the Bible shown by freshmen as they enter our colleges, though most of them come directly from Christian homes, is so great that it has become a prolific source of amusement. A pitiable exhibition of young manhood this, and as well of the methods of religious instruction which have been employed.

Connected with this inefficiency of much so-called biblical teaching is the terrible "leakage" from the Sunday school, by which so many pupils fall out of the ranks and lapse into carelessness. About eighty per cent. of the Protestant convicts in our State reformatories were once members of the Sunday school. Probably a greater proportion of those who are careless and indifferent to the appeals of the preacher were once enrolled in our Bible-school classes. This evil, a great and continual leakage, we try to remedy by schemes of church extension. We have once had in our schools most of the individuals who make the unchurched masses. But we let them fall away from the direct oversight of school and church, and then move heaven and earth to form, equip, and sustain Evangelistic organizations to recover them. Meanwhile not only has the church lost a fine opportunity, but she has lost the larger part of the work already done and the enemy has sown tares industriously.

Many things need to be done, and to be done speedily and thoroughly, if we would make the Sunday school a more effective agency for good.

The conception of Sunday-school work needs to be greatly elevated and made more serious. The work of our schools is the most fundamental and important Christian work that is being done in the world to-day. The child-life of our own nation presents a field as needy, and almost as unlikely to be properly occupied, as do India and Africa. We have too exclusively studied church extension, *geographically*. We need to study it in its *time relations*, to learn to love and work for our children religiously, as truly as our neighbors. The kingdom of *to-morrow* should occupy our thoughts, and shape our actions, more fully. Our schools should be improved until they command the respect of trained minds, and recognized educators delight to take part in their duties. And the great religious importance of our school work should be preached and emphasized in prayer until the church moves again upon the high moral ground occupied

by our fathers, whose anxiety to secure the proper study of the Bible was so great that they instituted the Sunday-school concert as a service of special prayer for the school.

The steps to these results, I apprehend, must be taken along the way of better methods : —

1. Let the church carefully define, and distinctly affirm, the great object of Bible study. Let the parish and the community know that the object is a far higher thing than to amuse the children, to supply books and story papers, to hold picnics and concerts, or even to learn *about* the Bible. Let it be plainly and widely understood that the object sought is to present Christianity as a system, to teach Christ as the source of life and power, and to build in each life a Christ-like character for service. Let it be known that the most approved methods will be employed and that no slip-shod work will be tolerated. Let this ideal be cordially accepted, published, and heartily supported by pulpit and pew.

2. Greater care in the selection of the superintendent.

It is not enough that he should be young, jolly, popular, and willing to give money freely for Sunday-school festivals. Nor is it enough that safety and efficiency should be sought in his being old, and trained in theology. He needs to be well educated in secular matters, and to have a trained mind. He needs to know by investigation what the world of to-day thinks, believes, and accepts as right. He needs to be acquainted with modern methods of school work. Like a good grammar school or high school principal, or a college president, he should command respect for his ability and attainments. Parents should demand that such a superintendent be procured. Pay him if need be. His work is vastly important. In his school the book of books is to be studied, the pearl of great price is to be sought, the crown of life is to be won. And he should know by a deep experience the love and saving power of Christ.

3. Appoint as teachers only such persons as have taken a prescribed course of normal study and passed a creditable written examination.

To obtain such teachers, organize at once, and steadily maintain a normal class, to be taught by the pastor, or superintendent, or some specialist, who might take charge of all such classes in a given community. The preparatory course of study should occupy not less than one year, and ought to take two. The candidates should be carefully selected, intelligent, vigorous, and of a Christ-loving mind. Not every person who wishes to teach should be allowed to do so. Too many are like Apollos, able to make many converts, but unable to save them from the errors which come through the teacher's ignorance. By the mistakes of such, the ministry sadly see part of the product of their work wasted. Ignorant and incompetent teachers should gradually be supplanted by a trained force, to be appointed annually, and not for life. Let the privilege of teaching be based solely on education, ability, and efficiency.

Require of these teachers that they shall do their work by the most approved methods, and exact from their scholars attention, obedience, and work. Reading from text-books is not study, nor are Sunday lec-

tures. With text-book closed, let there be questions that are not "lea ding," and prompt answers required.

But no amount of training can alone prepare a teacher to do effective work. There needs to be constantly borne in our schools a living testimony to the saving power of the Gospel. "Souls are saved by souls, not by facts." "Christian experience must utter its voice." "Unreality in a teacher is fatal." "Say the thing that is real to you, and if you don't know your subject, own up to your ignorance."

Each teacher should be expected to give a satisfactory account of the scholars who move away, and a system of transfers to other schools might be adopted with advantage. By this and other methods the "leakage" from our schools should be stopped. Such letters should manifestly be granted by the church to all baptized children. And why not to all?

Accept only the best possible system of study which can be obtained. Take nothing blindly. Examine all text-books and helps. For the most part they are good. The international system has many excellencies, but I think that along with it should be carried on a careful system of supplementary work. This should be wisely graded to suit the ages of the scholars, and should include a catechism, biographical studies of the great Christian leaders in church history, the history of missions, and a study of one's own denomination, its character, its history, and its work. I sympathize especially with two recent writers, one of whom "Oh, for a Catechism!" and the other who says: "Let us have done with the cant of denominationalism." Our denominations were bought with suffering, sacrifice, and bloodshed. They have a noble history and stand for great conceptions of principles and economy; our children should be taught to understand them. To neglect the foundations will only prepare the way for future dissensions, and supplemental instruction is necessary here because "the international lessons omit on principle those points where denominations differ."

4. Much that is now taught in the Sunday schools should be taught in the secular schools. The geology, geography, archæology, and history of Palestine and Egypt are in their relations to life and conduct the most important in the world, and the secular history of the Bible is the most important history, because from these lands and this book proceeded a greater power to create and transform mind and character than from any other centres. Greece and Rome did not so much for the ethical world as did they. The secular knowledge necessary to a Christian experience should be taught in our common schools, for it relates to all forms of religion. In these schools also is the place for the principal teaching of the higher criticism of the Bible.

5. All Sunday schools should be carefully graded, and graduations from one grade to another should be only upon the basis of a satisfactory written examination.

Just how many grades there should be will depend, of course, largely upon the size and character of each school. In no school, however, should

there be less than the primary, intermediate, adult, and normal departments, while in some the primary and adult may be divided again profitably, and Kindergartens are very advantageous when rightly conducted.

In any case promotion should be conditioned upon satisfactory written examinations, and to all such a diploma should be given.

6. More attention needs to be paid to buildings for the Sunday school. Nearly all large cities now have one or more Sunday-school houses which serve as illustrations of what is possible and wise. The day of the damp, dark, and mouldy vestry has gone. The Sunday school is worthy of as good appointments as the common school. Its light should be as good, its air as sweet, its seats as comfortable, and its walls as attractive as other schools where children study the three "R's," instead of the revelation of God. Opinions will vary as to what constitutes a good building, but in all cases where it is possible, it is to be insisted that each class shall have a room by itself and that all these rooms shall be so arranged that they may be opened into one common hall for the introductory and closing exercises. The size of the class room may be made variable by movable partitions, and *should be* thus made to meet the differing teaching ability of various instructors. Yet no class should be allowed to become so large that the teachers cannot keep well acquainted with every scholar, and be able to call upon them occasionally in the home. For the social relation is one of great importance, often forming the basis of class loyalty, and thus the foundation of good work.

Such are some of the ideals of effective, advanced Sunday-school work. Not all conditions may easily be realized by every school, but they should be kept in mind steadily. Advance should be constantly sought and maintained. This centenary year of Horace Mann is "the psychological moment" for Sunday-school reform. The church of the first half of the twentieth century is now like clay in our hands, waiting to be moulded. If it shall have a nobler form, and a grander finish of moral beauty than the church which now is, it will be because as character makers we do better work than those who went before. We gladly praise the labor of those who founded the Bible school and of all who have worked for its development. But we believe that wider experience should lead to greater wisdom. It has done so in the whole system of secular education. We see no reason why the methods of the Sunday school should not more fully participate in the advance of educational interests, why experience should remain so commonly unfruitful, and Christ's body, which is the church, be made to suffer. This need not be, even in any one school. The church which has already shown the capability of such splendid action on mission fields, and in apologetics is able, if she will give her strength to it, to educate "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, to show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.[1]

Your committee has no occasion, before this body, to argue or depict the enormous evils incident to and inseparable from the liquor traffic. These evils are confessed; they are evident to the most cursory observation. They are felt by every Christian, though they ought to be more keenly felt.

We do not enter upon the discussion of remedial measures. We have time only to present a few present phases of the local situation.

At the session of 1892, this body ordered a petition to the general court for an official investigation as to the relation of the liquor traffic to crime, pauperism, and insanity in this Commonwealth. The petition failed in the legislature of 1893 but succeeded in that of 1894, a fact which this Committee reported at the session of 1894. Last year, at Lynn, we reported that the investigation was in progress, under the direction of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. We have expected that the results would be communicated to the legislature before this meeting. But, though the investigation has been completed and the facts tabulated, the census work has made such extraordinary demands upon the time of the department, that the report is not yet ready. The facts are before the Chief of the Bureau, Hon. H. G. Wadlin, for his study, in order to a statement of the results of the investigation. He had hoped to have them ready to present before the adjournment of the legislature.

They cover an exhaustive investigation and study of the facts in many thousands of commitments to State, county, and municipal institutions; and the results, when set forth, as they will be shortly, will constitute a very valuable body of reliable information on the bearing of the liquor traffic upon pauperism, crime, and insanity.

We congratulate this body on the approaching completion of the work undertaken by the State, upon its appeal; and we trust that pastors and our leading laymen will obtain and thoroughly study this report, when issued.

It can be had on application to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor upon payment of the postage.

In this connection we note with pleasure the bill introduced in Congress by Hon. E. A. Morse, the last moderator of this association, Chairman of the Congressional Committee on the Liquor Traffic, directing an investigation similar to that made, at our instance, under authority of our

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legislature. The bill has had the endorsement of the National Temperance Society and similar organizations.

It has seven times passed the Senate, but never the House.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution: —

Resolved, That this Association urge upon the House of Representatives of the National Congress the speedy passage of House Bill 8072 entitled, "A bill to provide for a commission on the subject of the liquor traffic," and direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the House through the chairman of the committee reporting the bill.

In watching the course of legislation in our own State during this present session of the General Court, we note with pleasure that if there has been little advance in the stringency of the legal restriction of the liquor traffic, there has been a determined and successful effort to resist all attempts to make the law bear less heavily upon the trade.

The legislature has refused to repeal the law closing saloons on holidays, and has made the holiday restriction applicable to wholesalers as well as to the retail trade. It has refused the effort to double the number of licenses which may be granted outside of Boston. It has refused to repeal the law permitting owners of real estate within twenty-five feet to object to a license. It has refused to extend the time for the sale of liquor at summer resorts, to exempt hotels from the operation of the four hundred foot law, to allow a hotel in a no-license town a license, to give local option to wards of cities, to turn all Boston's license fees into the city treasury, and, finally, to take from the State Board of Pharmacy power over druggists' licenses. On this latter point a particularly vicious attack upon existing law was made, and at one time it looked very much as though this salutary provision of law was to be overthrown. But the friends of temperance in the House rallied and handsomely defeated the strenuous attempt at repeal. It is, therefore, still possible for the Board of Pharmacy to prevent the licensing of those who are druggists only in name and for the sake of the cheap liquor licenses permitted to apothecaries.

At the seventy-sixth annual meeting, which was held in this city in 1876, this association *Resolved*, "That every church ought to provide for the thorough instruction of its youth respecting the hurtful nature of intoxicating drinks, and for their effective nurture in right habits."

This was seven years before the Temperance Education Law of Massachusetts was enacted. As might have been expected, this association has been, from the first, a steadfast friend of the organized movement to make mandatory scientific temperance teaching in the public schools. Again and again it has gone on record in favor of this great movement, and it has repeatedly urged on the churches special effort in behalf of a faithful enforcement of the law.

Your committee is honored, its other members feel, in having upon it as a member Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Superintendent of the National and International Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, who has done more than any other person to promote this great movement, which the liquor trade regard as their most effective foe. Her time for many months

past, has been almost exclusively given to the effort to prevent the repeal or the serious modification of the Scientific Temperance Instruction Law of the State of New York.

The forces arrayed against this law were determined and powerful; and at one time it seemed well-nigh impossible to hope for successful resistance. But, by the blessing of God on persistent, skilful, and prayerful effort the assault of the enemies of the law was repelled, and the bill of needed amendments advocated by the friends of the law was at last enacted by a decisive vote.

Your committee feel called to inform this association of what it regards as a threatened attack upon our Massachusetts Scientific Temperance Instruction Law.

At its last annual meeting the Massachusetts Medical Society received and referred to a committee for investigation as to its subject-matter a report by Dr. G. W. Fitz, of Cambridge, from a committee of the Middlesex South District Medical Society, on "Physiology and Hygiene in the Public Schools." From the character of that report, and from the interpretation of its animus and intent, which is derivable from the public utterances of its originator and chief promoter, your committee were led to believe that the movement thus described was hostile to the existing law. In the resolutions passed by the medical society, it is said: "It is the opinion of this society that the instruction in physiology and hygiene in the public schools of this State needs to be changed in the interest of education and public welfare," and that a committee be appointed "to consider the problem and determine the best means for its correction."

Farther light is shed on the aim of this movement by a recent address by Dr. Fitz, who admits that the action of the two medical societies was stimulated by himself. In an address before "The New England Conference of Educational Workers," recently held in Boston, he contended that scientific physiology has no place below the college, certainly not below the High school, which ninety-five per cent of the children never reach. Contrary to all reason and testimony, he also claimed that no reliance can be placed on the moral preventive force of scientific knowledge on these subjects.

Aware of this action of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and of the intention of its committee to address inquiries to teachers and school authorities throughout the State, your committee, with representatives of other church and temperance organizations, asked to be heard by the committee of the medical society months ago, before they should issue their circular of inquiry. But we were practically denied our request until after the circulars had been sent abroad over the State, and until the organizations asking to be heard had united in a circular addressed to the members of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and were about mailing the same. Then the committee found it convenient to give a hearing which was held at the State House yesterday, while this annual meeting of our association was in progress.

In the circular to the members of the medical society, a copy of which

has just been distributed among the members of this body, the National and International Departments of Scientific Temperance Instruction, and its advisory board, this committee, the corresponding committee of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Total Abstinence Society, the Good Templars, and the Sons of Temperance, of Massachusetts, by their representatives, concur.

These organizations asked for the hearing which was not granted till it had been rendered largely futile by the action of the medical committee, and have now asked to be heard at the approaching annual meeting of the medical society itself.

Your committee desire that this Association and the churches it represents, should be informed of the assault on the Temperance Education Law which certain hostile elements in the medical society contemplate, though we do not yet believe the society at large has such intention.

The circular of inquiry, which the committee of the medical society has sent out, we presume has reached the teachers and school boards of most of our cities and towns. We want our churches to watch this movement and to be prepared to resist any attempt at legislation hostile to the purpose of the existing law, should such an attempt be made.

We recommend the passage of the following resolution : —

"*Resolved*, That the temperance committee of this association be instructed to appear before the Massachusetts Medical Society, in the event that that body grants the hearing requested, to represent our oft declared, and hereby re-affirmed judgment in favor of the Massachusetts law requiring scientific temperance instruction in the public schools, and our wish that it shall be maintained upon our statute book, substantially as it now exists."

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HAMPDEN MEMORIAL.[1]

The committee, to which was referred the Memorial of the Hampden Conference, beg leave to report as follows: —

We have carefully considered the matter proposed in the Hampden Memorial, which was in the nature of an inquiry as to whether or not something could be done by this Association to mitigate the evil of two or more churches in towns where there is room and sustenance for but one. One plain reason for effort in this direction is the discredit, to use no stronger term, brought upon the Church by unseemly rivalry and by unworthy means employed, almost of necessity, to secure a poor support for two or three churches where one might be easily maintained in a comfortable and dignified way. Further, it was suggested that by the present system, or rather lack of system, there is great waste of Home Missionary money.

It appeared, somewhat to the surprise of your Committee, that the places which may fairly be said to be over-churched are fewer than is generally supposed. We were enabled to get the facts in regard to towns in which are churches that are aided by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. There are some seventy of these churches, besides those aided in cities and large towns. We found six towns that are over-churched. One, with a population of 897, has two Evangelical churches — our's and another. Our's is much the stronger, as well as a hundred years older. The second, a village of 400 people, in which are two Evangelical churches, our's and another which is, at present, served by a minister who is also preaching in a church in another town. There is a fair probability that before long our's will be the only church in the place. The third, a town of 750 people, in which we have two churches served by one pastor, and there is another church. The fourth, a town of 1,125 people, in which there are three churches. Our's is the oldest by 160 years, and yet is not the strongest or the largest. The fifth, a village of some 675 inhabitants, in which are two churches. An unsuccessful effort has been made in recent years to combine them; but it is not improbable that, in the not far distant future, a better result may be reached. The sixth is a place of only 460 people. There are two churches, both of which have, so to speak, half a pastor. Each is united with a church in an adjoining town.

We presume that the proportion of over-churched towns is very much larger among those where Home Missionary aid is given than elsewhere. It should be said that in the recent past Home Missionary aid has been

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dispensed with in three places by the union of two churches — Alford, Heath and North Reading. It may be confidently expected that there will be other instances of a similar nature in the future. It seems much more desirable that such combination should come about naturally from within rather than be forced from without, if, indeed, there could be found any practicable method for such forcing. So we are not prepared to recommend any effort on the part of the Association. In should be noticed that the situation in Massachusetts is very different from that in Maine, where an Interdenominational Commission has been organized, and is working, we are told, reasonably well. It is different in this respect, in Maine there is yet much unoccupied territory, and new towns and churches are springing up. The danger of over-churching a place is to be checked in the beginning, a comparatively simple thing to do. Here it is otherwise. The old towns are all supplied with churches, and the trouble comes from a diminishing population. Preventing two new churches in a new place is one thing, killing an old church in an old place is another. The latter is what seems to be called for here and there in Massachusetts, and we submit that there is nothing that the Association needs to do in this direction.

There is another phase to the general question more allied to the situation in Maine. There are cases where new churches are crowded in. As, for instance, the Episcopal church in Middleboro, where the minister was so oppressed by the existing multitude of churches that he rushed into print for relief. But even in regard to such cases there seems to be little that can be done from without. Relief is gradually coming from the rising tide of real fellowship between the different branches of the one Church. Let us hope and pray that, as brethren see more nearly eye to eye, this trouble, like others, will pass away. May God speed the day.

JOSHUA COIT, *for the Committee.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.[1]

The annual reports of the Committee on Sunday Observance in recent years have related mainly to Sunday Railway Traffic, and to matters of legislation designed to limit the encroachments upon the weekly day of rest and worship.

It seemed best this year to leave all matters of that sort, and to gather information in respect to the present observance of the Lord's day; and also in respect to the *moral* and *religious* influences which our churches are using in favor of a christian use of the day. It is a number of years since the facts relating to these matters have been collected. With this view of our duty, we addressed a series of inquiries to a large number of persons in all sections of the State, who were in a position to know these facts. We have received a little more than one hundred replies to our inquiries. One third of these replies have come from prominent business men. A little more than one third have come from pastors. The remainder are from officers and active members of the Young Men's Christian Associations, the Societies of Christian Endeavor, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the New England Sabbath Protective League. The larger number of these letters bear evidence of special care to make the statements accurate. It has been the effort of the Committee to transfer to this report the substance of these replies, without any coloring from our personal opinions. So far as practicable we have copied the words of the writers.

1. Our first inquiry was: — *Is the Lord's day generally observed in your vicinity?* The replies show very clearly that the people in these various towns and cities of this old Puritan Commonwealth are a Sabbath keeping people. The day is recognized and protected by the laws of the State, as well as by the teachings of the various churches, and by the long established customs of the people. It has been honored by eight or nine generations of our pious ancestors. These facts should encourage us in our efforts to rescue the day from desecration.

2. Our second inquiry was: — How does the observance at present compare with that of ten years ago? Ten years is not a long period, not long enough to suggest even the Sabbath of the Puritans. But it is long enough to show the tendencies of our times.

One in four of those who have written to us say, "There has been no marked change." These statements are undoubtedly correct. They come,

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for the most part, from places that are not too near the great centres of population, places, also, where the influence of the churches is especially strong. Nine of the letters state that there has been some improvement. Others write that they have no means of making the comparison for ten years.

But about one half of our letters state that the observance of the Lord's day is less than it was ten years ago. Dr. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem, says, "The day is not well observed in this city; the inclination to pleasure seeking is much more than ten years ago." Hon. Samuel B. Capen says, "There has been a distinct loss in ten years, though I think we struck bottom a year or two ago, and we are now on the up-grade a little." Dr. Reuen Thomas says, "There is a steady tendency in the wrong direction." Rev. I. J. Lansing says, "There is a great amount of pleasure riding on the Sabbath; horses and carriages and bicycles are passing all day long, but especially in the afternoon and evening. The steady pressure of greed and pleasure to destroy the Sabbath is not met by steady counteraction of a positive sort to protect it." Similar statements are made by the officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Dorchester, says, "It is observed as a religious day by many, and as a holiday by others. It is less quiet than formerly." The officers of a large number of Young Men's Christian Associations in the State inform us that there is an increasing laxity in the religious use of the day. Among the Associations which make this report are those in Worcester, Pittsfield, Chicopee, Westfield, Fitchburg, Newburyport, Quincy, and Springfield. Geo. L. Newton, Esq., of Worcester, says, "The day is observed less in this city than ten years ago." G. Henry Whitcomb, Esq., of Worcester, says, "There is a growing tendency to make the Sabbath a day of amusement. It seems to go by default, and church members go their way, and let others go as they please. That any responsibility belongs to the church seems unthought of." These statements might be very much extended from the reports now in our hands.

3. *Is business crowding upon the day of rest and of worship? Have you the Sunday trains?*

Eighty-three out of one hundred places from which our reports come have Sunday trains. Mr. Whitcomb, of Worcester, states that there is not so much Sunday traffic as ten years ago; that the action of the Railroad Commissioners has prevented the excursions. Dr. Allen, of Palmer, reports that the "Sunday trains are not patronized by the church people." The secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in Cambridge reports that "Sunday travel by all classes of people is on the increase." Several report that the influence of ministers who use the Sunday trains has been weakened by that practice. A pastor reports, "We as a church are affected by our missionary speakers using the trains freely." Another inquires, "How can ministers exert an influence in favor of Sunday observance, when they come from Boston to Worcester to preach Sunday morning in the cars? They used to come Saturday and return Monday."

Our laws do not prohibit the running of regular trains at any hour of the Lord's day, provided the Railroad Commissioners approve the running of such trains. All trains which are moved on that day without such permission are run in violation of the law. The tendency is for the railroads to crowd upon the day in the interest of gain. Public sentiment undoubtedly sustains the law. It is quite possible to diminish very much the number of Sunday trains without any change in the law, and by that means to set free a large number of railroad men who desire the day of weekly rest.

4. *Are the electric cars crowding upon the Lord's day?*

Four fifths of the places from which we have reports have electric cars. There is no law of the State which regulates the running of the cars on Sunday. If public policy requires the supervision of Sunday cars on the railways, it is not easy to see why there should not be some supervision of electric cars. A pastor in Boston writes, "They run incessantly, everywhere, to the serious breaking of the old-time quiet, even that of the sanctuary service; and with the result that seven days' work is done each week by many employees." Another reports: "The men complain that they have no Sabbath. While it is agreed that they shall have every alternate Sunday, few venture to claim it." "They run more trips on Sunday than on week days," we are informed; "thousands go to the beaches." President Bixby says, "Forty thousand at Revere Beach on Sunday is not uncommon," for "the Lord's day is their best day." "They both respond to and create a demand for themselves," says Rev. Mr. Bolster; "they are run for money. They carry more away from the sanctuary than towards it. They are doing much to break up the Sabbath-keeping habits of the people." Yet a pastor in the Connecticut Valley writes, "Christian directors encourage, by large facilities, the extensive use of electrics on the Lord's day. I try to discourage it, but you might as well tell the wind to stop."

5. *What of work in places of business, or for corporations?*

Such work is limited by our laws to works of necessity and of mercy. But the Police Commissioners of Boston have forbidden much of the Sunday work that was going on in that city because it was only a work of *convenience*, not of *necessity*. The reports show that there are frequently "gangs of men in the streets who are doing work for the city that does not seem to be necessary." A great deal of repairing is done in factories. "The machinist is apt to lose his Sunday." "It is a hopeful sign," says Mr. Capen, "that labor people are entering their protest against Sunday work." The drug-stores are generally open, and in many villages the newspaper and periodical stores, the bakeries, and the restaurants. A great deal of Sunday work is done secretly in large mercantile and manufacturing concerns, where large numbers of employees are required to work all day. Some instances of that sort are reported by the Sabbath Protective League, which has interposed with success to secure for the operatives the rest day of which "business" was robbing them.

6. *Do employees favor Sunday work?*

A large majority say that they do not. One reports, "Many work through fear of losing their places." Another writes, "The men are afraid of blacklisting." "They all desire the Sundays, but they get none in summer, and few in winter." The Labor Unions demand the rest day. One who writes from Central Massachusetts says: "I am a master mechanic, and in twenty-eight years I have not found a single man who wanted to work on Sunday. Men work because they must do so or lose their places."

7. *IS PLEASURE CROWDING UPON THE DAY?*

8. *Are Sunday excursions common?*

The reports indicate that there is a decided tendency among large classes of people to change the Holy-day into a holiday.

One half of those who have answered this question say that Sunday excursions are common. The other half say they are not. The first answer is correct in a large number of communities. The second is correct in other communities. Some say that small parties go on bicycles, or in electric cars, to the parks, or the beaches, or the lakes, and spend the day as a day of pleasure. It is certain that these places of public resort are thronged on Sunday in fine weather, and that those who fill them do not seem to be seeking the highest objects of the day.

9. Are Bicycle Clubs in your vicinity in the habit of using the day for excursions? A few reply that they are not. Twenty-five state that they go not as clubs, but as individuals, in parties of three or four. More than fifty reply that the clubs are in the habit of using the day for excursions. One writes, "Scores of clubs pass through our city every Sunday." One writer from Newburyport states that "Hundreds come to our city on their wheels on Sunday." Another writing from Worcester says, "Sunday is practically the only day for wheelmen." From Great Barrington we learn that "outside clubs ride through our village on Sundays, often stopping at hotels and lounging about the piazzas for two or three hours." A member of this Committee, who had occasion to spend a Sabbath at a hotel in a Massachusetts city, found that "a large number of clubs met at that hotel on that day, some of them coming more than thirty miles; that as many as two hundred of these wheelmen dined there." Assuredly, if anything would be a public desecration of the Lord's day, it is such a gathering of hundreds of wheelmen. We have many such testimonies. A prominent citizen of Salem writes that "every pleasant Sunday hundreds of bicyclists are passing through this city." Hon. James M. W. Hall, of Cambridge, says, "They are increasingly frequent." A well-known clergyman states that "on three successive Sunday mornings a certain club of wheelmen gathered at the house of one of his neighbors, preparatory to long Sunday runs, to meet other clubs with which they were invited to dine." A gentleman writing from Wellesley says, "Last Sunday I happened to see at least half a dozen clubs of fifteen to twenty each, going through the village, and the procession that began in the morning continued all day." A prominent business man states that "no one thing has done so much to promote Sabbath breaking as the bicycle."

A pastor of one of our largest churches says, "Nothing has tended so strongly toward breaking up the Sabbath keeping habits of our people as the bicycle."

It is not worth while to speak of the bicycle as an evil thing. Things are neither good nor evil in themselves. There is no good reason why one may not ride his bicycle when he is going to pull an ox or an ass out of the pit on the Sabbath day. A good man may use his bicycle in serving God with a good conscience. The quality of the action depends upon the purpose and the motive. But experience is showing that the wheel is especially liable to lead to the desecration of the Lord's day, and the time is coming, and now is, when there is need of a prophet, with a prophet's wisdom, to teach the young people how to meet these various temptations, which are crowding to the front in our modern life, and to show them how to live above the world while they are in it, — using the good things, but not abusing them.

10. Another inquiry relates to *the Sunday theatre, and to other forms of public amusement on the Lord's day.* The replies show that the law enacted a year ago by our Legislature has been strictly enforced. There have been attempts to override the law in Boston, but they have been met so wisely by the authorities that they are not likely to be repeated.

11. Another question relates to social calls on Sunday afternoons. *Are such calls common among young people, and are they helpful to the true purpose of the day?* "That depends upon the people who make the calls," is the reply which a number of writers have returned. There are calls which are for help and comfort and usefulness, like those which our Saviour made; and there are calls that are purely secular in their purpose. "There are calls that give the day a secular atmosphere," says one of those who report, "and limit the devotional and spiritual life." But the religious man is just as social on the Lord's day as on any other day. Yet there are tendencies in some places to a round of society calling, which ignores the distinction between the Lord's day and our common days. One writer says, "The tendency toward social party giving on Sunday evening is an alarming symptom of the demoralization that prevails in certain circles in respect to the Lord's day."

12. *We inquired what other forms of Sunday desecration have fallen under your observation?* The replies present a formidable list. Five writers living in distant parts of the State mention "games of base-ball which are as public as on other days." One mentions "Sunday cock fights in the outlying rural districts." Others speak of Sunday boating, of clam-bakes, Sunday horse racing, card playing, the open sale of liquors, fishing, and gunning. Most of these are violations of the law of the State. A large number mention Sunday driving by families of high social position. A prominent business man in Central Massachusetts writes, "Amusement seems to be desired, and a holiday rather than a day for worship." Two reports from two institutions of learning mention "Sunday study of secular books." One says, "Sunday dinners to which guests come from the city, which keep many housekeepers from

church." A young pastor mentions "Sunday junkets, by which the young people of half a dozen churches leave their own church services and go by the electric cars on Sunday evening to hold a religious service together." Twelve report that the worst Sabbath breaker is the Sunday newspaper. One says, "It is weakening the foundations of the community." Another says, "The alarming feature about this whole business is the seeming indifference on the part of good men to this whole subject." Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of Chelsea, writes: "In my opinion, the most powerful and dangerous enemy of the Sabbath is the Sunday newspaper. So long as it is permitted to coin money on the Lord's day, we may expect it to be what it is now, the defender of all sorts of Sabbath desecration. I am in favor of a united and aggressive war against the newspaper corporations which publish a Sunday edition." A gentleman of distinction as an author writes: "The Sunday newspaper is infinitely worse in its moral tone than the week-day paper. The abominable confession of the murderer of a score of people is reserved for the Sunday edition. It sometimes seems as though the Sunday paper was intended to demoralize."

In view of the tendencies toward the increasing desecration of the Lord's day, the Committee have inquired: WHAT MEANS IS THE CHURCH USING TO SECURE A BETTER OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY?

1. *Do ministers urge its observance in their pulpits?* The answers vary. A good number of ministers say very heartily, "Yes, I do." About one half of those who have answered the question, laymen as well as ministers, say, "Yes." Twenty say, "They do in a general way," — or they do occasionally. Rev. J. H. Lockwood, of Westfield, says, "To some extent they do: probably not as often as they ought." Mr. Whitcomb, of Worcester, says, "They do not urge it decidedly, — they seldom refer to it." Another business man from Springfield says, "It has been a long time since the subject of Sabbath observance has been agitated." One who writes from Canton says, "Some do; others think greater latitude should be given." Rev. Mr. Lansing says, "I think there is some confusion in their minds and uncertainty as to the obligation."

2. *Do Sunday schools and Societies of Christian Endeavor make prominent the duty of keeping the Lord's day?* Dr. Francis E. Clark, the honored founder of the Societies of Christian Endeavor, writes that "the Christian Endeavorers were the leaders in the movement to close the gates of the World's Fair on Sunday; they have led the way against Sunday base-ball games, Sunday theatres, and many similar desecrations of the day. The matter is frequently discussed in their conventions in all parts of the country. It is also considered in the list of prayer-meeting topics occasionally. I believe the matter of the Sabbath is coming to be more and more a living issue with Christian people. It is certainly with young people. Wherever I go, at their conventions and union meetings, this question is being discussed. I believe they take high ground on this matter. Not only in their conventions but in private life there is a growing carefulness and a quickened conscience." These are strong and encouraging words from one who has the best opportunity to know.

In respect to Sunday schools, the answers are not so encouraging. Thirty tell us that they make prominent the duty of keeping the Lord's day. Forty-four report that they do not make it prominent. These replies indicate that there is a difference in different schools. A pastor from Berkshire writes that "the duty is not urged as frequently as it should be." Mr. Capen says, "There is room for improvement." A writer from Brookfield Conference says, "I do not think it is made especially prominent." Another writes, "The duty is not taught very faithfully." Another pastor writes, "We have not made this matter as prominent as it deserves."

3. *What other means are employed to this end?* No one who has answered this question has referred to religious instruction in families. And yet it must be true that many Christian parents are diligent and faithful in teaching their children to keep the Lord's day. Five write that "the example of consistent Christians is an important means of securing the observance of the day." Three refer to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which has a superintendent of Sabbath observance, and which has local committees to aid this work. Six speak of the Young Men's Christian Associations, which exert a strong influence in favor of the Sabbath. Four refer to the New England Sabbath Protective League, and to the addresses of its secretary, Dr. Kneeland. A number of writers mention meetings for prayer, to promote the observance of the Sabbath; and discussions in the county conferences. One speaks of the formation of a local Sunday Association for active work in behalf of the Lord's day.

In view of the facts presented in this report your Committee urge upon the General Association a very careful consideration of the present tendencies towards the desecration of the Lord's day. Those who are acquainted with the religious history of New England are aware that there have been a number of periods when there has been a strong drift toward letting down the standard of Sunday observance. There was such a period at the time of the meeting of the Reforming Synod in 1679, and the reports presented at that time (if we allow for the change in habits and modes of living) read very much like the reports presented now. There was another at the time of the great religious declension which preceded the Great Awakening in the time of President Edwards. Another followed the War of the Revolution. And, not to mention others during the present century, our recent Civil War affected for a time the Sabbath-keeping habits of our people very unfavorably. In these instances the tendency was checked by earnest and prayerful efforts of Christian parents and churches, and of their ministers. We confidently believe it will be so again. The Lord's day has not gone, and it is not going. But it seems to your Committee that there is need at the present time of strenuous efforts to turn back the tide of worldliness that threatens to overwhelm the Lord's day. No more important subject can engage the attention of this General Association at this meeting.

We recommend the passage of the following resolutions, viz.: —

Resolved: First. That in the opinion of this General Association, the due observance of the Lord's day, as a divine institution, is essential to the prosperity of religion in our churches and congregations; and that whatever interferes with the religious observance of the day seriously weakens the influence of religion in the community, and hinders the efforts of the church to evangelize the masses of our American people.

Resolved: Secondly. That it is especially incumbent upon the churches of the Puritans to take the lead in opposing the pressure of avarice and pleasure to lower the standard of the observance of the Lord's day.

Resolved: Thirdly. That a pastoral letter be sent to all the Congregational churches in this State, to be read to the congregations on some Lord's day, to urge upon the ministers, first of all, the importance of explicit teaching in the pulpit, as often, at least, as once in the year, relating to the value of the Lord's day for the physical, the mental, and religious well being of men; to its importance in the family, and in social life; its influence in promoting Christian civilization; and in affording the best opportunities for teaching the word of God, and bringing religious truth to bear upon the hearts and lives of all sorts and conditions of men; to urge also upon Christian parents, and the superintendents and teachers in Sunday schools the importance of teaching the children and young people the duty of honoring the day as a day of rest and worship.

In concluding this report, the Committee ask the Association to set apart a time for the consideration of these resolutions.

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FRANKLIN S. HATCH,
ALBERT H. PLUMB,
HENRY M. MOORE,
REUEN THOMAS,
Committee on Sunday Observance.

A PASTORAL LETTER.[1]

To the Congregational Churches in Massachusetts:

Dear Brethren, — The investigations which have been carefully made on behalf of the State Association, by a committee appointed a year ago, on Sabbath Observance, have sufficed to show that it is immediately necessary to call the serious attention of ministers and churches throughout the State to the results of these inquiries. In all the large centres of population there is a steady tendency to a relaxed condition of thinking and of feeling on the uses of Sunday. There are powerful influences at work with a skill and persistency worthy of a better cause, to pauperize this institution of its divine content. Whatever pleas may be put forward, of

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a more respectable kind, it is not difficult to perceive that, in the last analysis, they all reduce themselves to these, — *the liberty of making other men work on the rest day, and the liberty to make money, by tempting men to various forms of demoralizing indolence and dissipation.*

It ought to be impossible for these influences in society to blind and mislead Christians. Yet it is too true that there is a relaxed moral tone of speech and action among the members of our churches. So subtle is the working of evil in our day, that the evil One no longer goes about as a "roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." He comes rather as a cultured gentleman, afraid of bigotry and narrowness; or as an angel of light, interested in liberating mankind from such harassing legislation as the ten commandments. One would suppose that even a blind Christian would detect that, though the voice is Jacob's voice, the hands are the hands of Esau.

The declaration of principles of the Sunday Protective League is probably one that could be subscribed by every Christian man in this State. Your Committee quote the material part and incorporate it in this pastoral letter: —

"It assumes that the Sabbath is a divine institution, for rest from toil. This conviction is based upon the references to it in the Sacred Scriptures of Jewish and Christian times; upon the example of Christ and his Apostles; upon the general conduct of the Christian Church for eighteen centuries; and upon the acknowledged necessities, physical, mental, and moral, of the nature of man.

"The conviction is strengthened by the testimony of history, — that wherever the Sabbath has been most intelligently and generally observed as a divine institution, the condition of the people has been in every way superior to the conditions prevailing elsewhere; there has been a tenderer humanity, a keener intelligence, more respect for law and order, better schools, higher wages among workmen, and generally more advanced social conditions than in countries where the ordinary labors and amusements of the people have been persisted in."

When, in the words, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath," our Lord put *humanity* under this institution as the basis on which it was built, he gave it to all men everywhere, rescuing it from mere Judaic limitations, even as he did all other truth.

We believe that no institution has in it more of benediction for man than the Lord's Day. We are persuaded that only those who make of Sunday a Lord's Day can preserve it for humanity as a rest day. We recognize the fact that upon our Christian churches there rests a very serious obligation to maintain in its regnant position the divine idea of the Lord's Day. As of old, so now, it is "a sign between us and our Lord."

With these views, in which we all agree, the General Association has voted, "That a Pastoral Letter be sent to all the congregational churches in this state, to be read to the congregations on some Lord's Day, to urge upon the ministers, first of all, the importance of explicit teaching in the

pulpit, as often at least as once in the year, relating to the Lord's Day"; and "to urge upon Christian parents, and the superintendents and teachers in Sunday schools, the importance of teaching the children and young people the duty of honoring the day as a day of rest and worship."

We therefore, in the name of the General Association, urge upon Christian parents,— upon those who co-operate with them in the education of the young,— upon our faithful bands of Sunday-school teachers,— upon Societies of Christian Endeavor, and other kindred associations,— and especially upon pastors of churches, the necessity for a more systematic and intelligent presentation of the subject in hand than has been commoo in the past.

The literature of the subject should be studied. Care should be taken to put the institution itself on its deepest grounds, — those of humanity and morality, and not merely on a foundation of ancient enactment, even that of Moses.

When even extreme socialists retain in their programme some spark of respect for *one* commandment of the moral law, and that the fourth, Christian disciples ought not to be increasingly indifferent. Thousands of working men, whose time is not at their own disposal, are mutely, yet tearfully, looking to the churches for help in getting one day in seven for rest.

When competition is so keen, and when application in all departments of mental toil is so excessive, the churches should recognize as never before the obligation which rests upon them periodically to lift the mind of man out of its drudgery, and occupy it with new and recuperative thought. Men need rest, but not indolent rest. They need the rest which elevates the mind and purifies the soul; in a word, they need exactly that which the Lord's Day provides for all those who use it intelligently and devoutly.

There is a new awakening to this subject among all denominations of Christians at this time. Let not the churches of the Puritans be behind in the great movement in behalf of the Lord's Day. By sermons, by lectures, by such meetings as those held under the auspices of the New England Sabbath League, and in other kindred ways, we respectfully commend to our churches the urgency of the necessity which exists, not for a Jewish Sabbath, but for a revival of interest in that which is still broader and nobler, that to which the Jewish Sabbath was but an index finger, — a Christian's Lord's Day. Thus far, in recent times, the steady pressure of greed and pleasure to destroy the day has not been met by steady action of a positive sort to protect it. The time seems to have come when God's spirit is kindling a new interest in the holy day among good men everywhere. We are confident that the Congregationalists of Massachusetts will not hesitate to press into the front of this new movement in defence of the Sabbath which was made for man.

By Vote of the General Association of Massachusetts,

SMITH BAKER, *Moderator.*
HENRY A. HAZEN, *Secretary.*

Fall River, Mass., May 21, 1896.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE WIDER CIRCULATION OF RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.[1]

At the meeting of this Association held in Lynn, your Committee made a report upon the Wider Circulation of Religious Literature, which had been read already by the original subscribers. The report was adopted by the Association, and printed in full in the Minutes of the Ninety-third Annual Meeting. In that report were stated at some length the reasons why the work which this Committee was chosen to consider might reasonably be judged to be possible, needful, and greatly beneficial. The experience of another year has confirmed our previous judgment, and enlarged our conception of the good which may be accomplished by the prosecution of such work.

Our appeals for books, magazines, and papers have met with a generous response and suggest an almost limitless source of supply. Our inquiries for needy places have been answered by appeals for all the literature that we could send. At the present time we have on hand about fifteen hundred magazines, such as "Harper's," "The Century," "Scribner's," "Review of Reviews," and "The Forum," — a large accumulation of helpful papers, and about one hundred volumes, — all of which will be shipped to various needy places, North and South, within a few days. We have received gifts from three different States, and letters from various donors expressing thanks that we had opened a way for them to make their literature more widely helpful. We have also found that several parties have been moved by our efforts to engage in similar work.

Our experience leads us to believe that the work may be greatly extended next year, and we have developed a plan which we are ready to suggest to our successors.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed by the Association for the year to come.

F. BARROWS MAKEPEACE.
W. WALKER JUBB.
ELLIS MENDELL.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY TOIL.[2]

The committee on Sunday Toil elected at the last annual meeting of the Association, met in June following in Pilgrim hall, and organized by the choice of C. C. Coffin, Esq., as chairman, and Rev. Jesse H. Jones, as Secretary.

After various unavoidable delays the committee met the Executive

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Board of the Conductors, Drivers and Motor Men's Union in their rooms, on Friday evening, Nov. 1, at 9 o'clock, that being the earliest hour of the day at which they could be convened. We met with a very cordial reception, and a most satisfactory interview was held, which resulted in a meeting with the men on the last Friday evening of the same month, at a somewhat later hour. Here the resolutions were presented to an assembly of between two and three hundred members, representing about three thousand in all in Boston and vicinity. Three addresses were made, viz.: by Brother Buttrick, who acted as chairman in the absence of Brother Coffin, and Rev. Messrs. Jones and Allbright. All three were received with hearty and repeated applause.

Your committee were painfully impressed with one sad discovery made at this interview, to which they will refer, in order that you may act intelligently in determining your duty to these men. It is the evident condition of slavery in reference to their God-given rights to one rest-day in seven, in which the members of this Union are living. This bondage was evidenced,

1. By their unwillingness to meet us in a body to receive our message with the officials of the West End Railway present, lest the leaders in arranging said interview should become marked men, and have visited upon them the displeasure of the company.

2. Their fear to ask often to be off on the Sabbath day, inasmuch as were they to do so their services would not long be needed.

The only day on which the steam railroad engineers could be met was on Sunday. So on Sunday, December the 8th, at about 11.20 A. M. Bros. Coffin and Buttrick, and Rev. Mr. Jones met one of three assemblies of Boston, in its own room, presented the resolutions, and made addresses, both of which were well received. The rest of the committee were not present because of their pulpit duties at that hour. The same wish for one rest-day in seven was expressed by the engineers as by the electric railway men.

As it was, all that seemed to be in the power of the committee was done in both cases, and the judgment and good-will of this body, and its pledge to assist them in the use of all proper means for the securing of their rights, was thus conveyed personally to these two large classes of men.

The committee records with grief the sad fact that early in March Bro. C. C. Coffin, our chairman, entered into rest, hence his name cannot appear signed to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. G. BUTTRICK.
JESSE H. JONES.

FALL RIVER, MAY 20, 1896.

REPORT OF THE HOME EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE.

To the Home Evangelization Committee was committed the duty "to investigate the condition of the non-church going residents of our towns and cities, to encourage such fraternal co-operation with other denominations of the vicinage as shall ensure some pastoral oversight for every household, and such specific evangelistic work as shall carry the gospel to the largest number."

The work of the Committee has largely consisted in the effort to secure basal facts respecting the ratio of non-church going to the church going population of our cities and towns. Each member of the Committee has been asked to secure the most accurate possible estimate from six representative communities, two rural, two town, and two city, thirty in all. Only a part of those addressed have replied. Twelve fairly representative communities are the basis of our report. Most conspicuous in every reply to our quest has been the lack of accurate knowledge. Almost every pastor has confessed himself at a loss to know how to ascertain the facts, and as a result the report in almost every case (there are one or two marked exceptions) is a general estimate, and this, like the average estimate of the uncounted congregation, is of very doubtful accuracy. The reports also show a conspicuous contrast in communities, the proportion of non-church goers in the industrial centers far exceeding that of the towns unaffected in their growth by commercial or manufacturing interests.

From the estimates received, it appears that in our cities about thirty per cent of the non-Catholic households are so habitually absent from church services as to be classed non-church goers. In the towns of from two to eight thousand population, the estimate of such is from ten to twenty per cent, and in the rural communities from five to ten. These are the estimates. But in most localities, the comparison of the number of households actually represented at the preaching services with the population, will show that these estimates are far too low, and that of the non-Catholic households in the average industrial town not more than fifty per cent can be reckoned upon as church going. The startling result of any careful study of the subject is the lamentable ignorance of Christians as to the very large number who are substantially indifferent to the church and its work. Of four hundred families credited to a church by reason of membership in church or Sunday school or rare attendance, one hundred and fifty may be put down as non habitual church going.

To the ignorance of our churches as to this large proportion is chiefly due the prevailing indifference to their condition. In the majority of the communities reported no concerted or systematic effort has been made to reach this class or learn their number. From two or three churches are reported most gratifying and thorough systems of committee work, by which substantially every household is reached. Notable among these is Bradford, where, if the work so wisely planned is faithfully performed, scarcely a family should fail to experience the power of a Christian

brotherhood. For the most part, however, the work of both pastors and churches is limited by the lack of co-operation with each other, and the consequent oversight in pastoral care of a large number of households belonging to no church and whom no pastor can presume to claim as his special charge. From the consideration of the conditions, three things seem imperatively called for.

First, *co-operation.* Such co-operation of the churches of each community is needed as shall reveal the actual number and location of non-church going households, and assign each to some pastor. In some regions such co-operation may wisely include every Protestant church. In others it may be desirable that only the evangelical churches should so unite. For two years in Jamaica Plain, which occupies the twenty-third ward of Boston, six churches, the Congregational, Unitarian, Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, and Universalist, have thus united in a Fraternal Council, and employed a missionary to visit the entire field. By this missionary, fortunately a Presbyterian, every household not already in some church connection is assigned to such pastor as may be preferred, and so *not one* family in the whole community is without pastoral visitation. Once every month these churches meet their missionary to hear her report and receive her list of assigned families. No question of doctrine is ever broached, since it is the one object of the union to bring every family under some pastoral care. Only by co-operation can the ground be covered.

Second, *evangelistic effort.* If the unchurched of our towns and cities are reached at all it will be chiefly by evangelistic work. The encouragement of the Salvation Army constitutes but the initiative of what needs to be done with consecrated wisdom for these large numbers who grope at noonday as in the night. In the plan of work for each year every church should count on the support of some evangelistic work for the community at large. And here again co-operation will secure the most certain and lasting results.

Third, *social regeneration.* Until a far larger proportion of our church membership has learned the meaning of Christ's command when he had washed his disciples' feet, "For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you," we can expect to see no great triumph of the Cross. Until the mass of disciples are ready in some consistent measure to represent their Master by the spirit of sweet brotherhood and tender service, instead of misrepresenting Him by exclusiveness, pride, and ostentatious show, the Spirit of God can do no mighty work. Our evangelists, like B. Fay Mills, discover more and more clearly that the obstacle great and insuperable to the winning of souls is the amazing contrast between the church as travestied in the lives of so many of its members and that lowly Christ who rejoiced to be known as the friend of the poorest. Brothers, we commend to your most serious thought and earnest prayer the sacred responsibility of our churches for the unsaved at our door.

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RELATIONS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TO THE CHURCHES.

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With the origin and history of the Christian Endeavor Society all are familiar. Its growth has been phenomenal. It suggests the crusades. But yesterday it was a "handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; to-day the fruit thereof shakes like Lebanon."

Begun as a modest experiment, a few years ago, by a pastor in Portland, Me., anxious concerning the religious life of his young people, it has now become a thoroughly compacted organization, including millions of adherents and reaching round the globe. It has fired the hearts of the young people the world over. It has quite outrun the thoughts, plans, and expectations of those from whom its initial impulse was received, and gathered, in its rapid movement, almost resistless momentum. It has immense projectile power. It is surcharged with the spirit of active propagandism. It crosses all seas, invades all lands, and puts its cabalistic symbol on those of every kindred, tongue, and tribe of earth.

If it were only the device of man, it seems as if such wide and swift expansion would have been impossible. Its sudden and sublime achievement suggests an origin quite other than merely human, and to emphasize the remark of Dr. Clark that "it was born of a revival." A welcome so wide and warm and instant creates the impression of a wide demand.

From the beginning, its obvious aim has been to look after the religious welfare and culture of the young people in our churches and congregations — a thing, doubtless, too much neglected. The nobility of this purpose no one will question. It has been the burden of every faithful pastor's heart. There seems to have been a vacuum for this organization to fill. How adequately the want has been met it may yet be too early to determine. It will take time to reveal the real character and direction of this movement.

It is inevitable that a movement so commanding, so assertive, so thoroughly in the focus of public attention, will challenge thought, study, examination. It ought to welcome the most exacting criticism. The first flush of youthful enthusiasm attending its birth ought to yield to the sober light of honest judgment.

It is the duty of the church to appraise the organization and try to

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ascertain its real value. Its mission and methods ought to be open to inspection and, if need be, to revision. It holds itself ready, doubtless, to give to everyone that asks a reason for the principles and practices for which it stands.

Only a single phase, however, of a large question is before us now, viz.: "The relation of the Christian Endeavor Society to the Church." The off-hand answer is, As a part of the church, the young life of the church organized under this name for active Christian work. And *such* in spirit and intent it is.

I venture to say that little thought has been given to the question of its precise, technical relation to the church. Most suppose it to be a department of organized effort under the sanction and direction of the church to which it is immediately answerable for its activities, without a semblance of independent existence or authority.

In a short history of the movement, Dr. Clark declares that, "the Society is not, and is not to be, an organization independent of the church"; and in a pamphlet issued in the name of the "United Society," it is declared that each society next to Christ is amenable to no authority save that of its own church and its own pastor."

At first view these statements seem to imply that the society is organically related to the church, but really only moral and spiritual subordination is meant.

As a matter of fact it was at first an organization, not inside of the church, but *outside* of it. While it had its birth in the church, the church *as such* had no part in its formation. Its nucleus is the "active members." They consist of all young persons who believe themselves to be Christians. There is no requirement of church membership, for the reason that the society has for its special object to care for those who believe themselves to be Christians, but are not yet received into the church.

The power to vote belongs exclusively to the active members. Among the honorary members, the church is represented by the pastor, deacons, and Sunday-school superintendent. Their function was, at first, *advisory* only. But according to Article XI., in the "Model Constitution," any difficult question shall be laid before them for advice, and their decision shall be final. "It shall be understood that the nomination of officers or other action taken by the society shall be subject to revision or *veto* by the church; that in *every way* the society shall put itself under the control of the official board of the church, and shall make a report to the church, monthly, quarterly, or annually, as the church may direct." To what extent this constitution has been adopted by local societies, I have no means of knowing. As a matter of fact, a majority of the active members are also members of the church.

The society claims to be a kind of "half-way house to the church," and aims "to bridge the gap between conversion and church membership."

We are now prepared to ask whether this is a normal and wholesome condition of things, or whether it involves peril to the young people, and also to the churches.

Is the church fostering an organization which will, by and by, rival, antagonize, and essentially impair the influence of the church itself? Does it solve the difficult problem of the wisest way to deal with the young people in the church and congregation? Underneath the activity, enterprise, enthusiasm, splendid achievement, and fine *esprit du corps* of this organization, do there lie concealed, undeveloped, and, perchance, unsuspected, germs — bacilli — which may, in the future, seriously injure and weaken the life of the church?

Touching these questions much solicitude has been expressed by earnest men. The most thoughtful and exhaustive discussion of the subject, to my knowledge, is from the pen of Professor Paine, of Bangor Seminary, in a series of articles published about three years ago in a local paper. And while it seems to me the discussion was able and timely, I cannot quite sympathize with all the views presented, or share the alarm there expressed as to the probable future development of the Christian Endeavor movement. He could not have been familiar with the Model Constitution — perhaps it did not exist — at the time his papers were written. He believes that the germs of schism are embedded in its very constitution. It is his judgment that two organizations like this and the church, with a membership partly in common, cannot long exist and work together without friction. He affirms that the natural and inherent tendency of every organization is towards independence of other organizations.

He already discerns a growing tendency in the organization towards centralization and independence. He says the position is that the Christian Endeavor Society must never become auxiliary to any other organization; complete independence is their motto, and all their forms of activity must be countersigned "Christian Endeavor." "The separative principle is the very bone and muscle of the constitution and pledge of the society."

He continues, "It is my deepening conviction that unless the wisdom of our church leaders shall speedily solve the problem of the proper relation of the society to the church, a struggle will come between two rival forms of organization which will convulse our congregationalism to the very core." "When an avalanche has reached a certain size and momentum, the course it will take is not determined by the force that set it in motion, but by the new force of its gathered momentum." And the Professor intimates that under the power of this gathered momentum the great centralizing body may yet be carried quite away from its early moorings and original intent, and unified and consolidated into a Christian Endeavor denomination, equipped for every kind of work, missionary and otherwise, at home and abroad. "How long," he inquires, "can such a dualism exist without friction and discord?" Already, it seems to him, they are losing sight of the original design to help the church train the young people for entrance into the church, and adopting the theory that the young people should be organized by *themselves* for Christian activity.

Long before this society was ever thought of, young people were asso-

ciated under various names for Christian work, in very many churches. It is, however, one of the distinctions of the Christian Endeavor movement that it has made the line of cleavage between the young and old in the matter of religious instruction and activity more pronounced than ever before. This must be felt by all to be a *serious* matter. We cannot help agreeing with Professor Paine that this is wholly a false principle. "It is against the order of nature, as seen in the family and in human society." Apart from the family, which holds the first place, to the church belongs the solemn responsibility for the religious instruction of the young. The church is to be regarded as a family where youth and age mingle freely together, and where both are needed to make the household complete. Youth and age are finely complemental. Youth needs the benefit of the example and experience of age. Age needs the benefit of the exuberance, hopefulness, and ardor of youth.

What a loss that the inspiring assemblies of young people gathered in most of our churches, at half past six Sunday evenings, cannot be permitted to listen to the great themes of the Gospel as unfolded by those who have had a deep experience of their meaning and power! That rare hour — so great in possibilities — ought to bring the young, susceptible lives into inspiring and fashioning contact with the richest, ripest, noblest lives in the church. Leadership, during that hour, is everything — an hour whose aim is not primarily to create confidence in a timid leader, but to offer instruction and help to those who are led. Of course there are those in every society whose years and experience amply qualify them for leaders. But how much better, how much closer to the divine pattern, if, in the meetings and activities of the church, there were no separation of the membership, on account of sex or age! — *one family*, just that.

Again, many pastors have doubt as to the wisdom of the Christian Endeavor Pledge in its practical influence upon their young people, though it is said to be the corner-stone of the whole structure. Full of details, it lays heavy and perhaps somewhat fictitious demands upon sensitive consciences. Many question the ethical soundness of the principle involved in the pledge and the value of the motive which it furnishes for action. There is nothing on earth more sacred than a promise — nothing more perilous than to break one. The track along which the Christian Endeavor Society has made its triumphant march lies strewn with the wrecks of broken promises thick as the leaves of Vallombrosa.

Recall the pledge to give the regular services of the church the precedence of all others.

How does the case stand?

Take the Sunday evening service. It is not very exhilarating to a tired pastor, as he is going to that service, to meet an opposing column of young people returning from the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society. Of course, with the morning service and Sunday school the day has been sufficiently full, but what becomes, meantime, of their promise to attend the regular meetings of the church? If a week-day evening is chosen for their meeting, then the regular prayer meeting is likely to suffer.

Here is a case that actually occurred a few miles out of Boston not long ago. The members of the Endeavor Societies of two or three of the churches left their own services on Sunday evening, banded together, got a carriage or carriages and went some miles to hold an Evangelistic service. The aim may have been good, but what of the promise?

This illustrates the peril of the dual organization. The Christian Endeavor idea is very contagious and very assertive. It is not clear to every one that it is a wise and wholesome thing to make young people promise to take part in every meeting, and summons them to a reconsecration of themselves to the service of Christ each month. There is danger that this practice will develop an artificial, superficial, and formal type of piety deficient in the highest kind of motive power. Machinery can never be made to take the place of life. Inward freedom must not be sacrificed to outward constraint. A spontaneous habit is preferable to the most carefully observed routine. There is some danger of getting into a circular movement, which may have a considerable appearance of activity, but little real achievement.

> "'T is life, whereof our nerves are scant;
> More life, and fuller, that we want."

The proffered hospitality of the Christian Endeavor Society, as a "half-way house," to those who are facing towards the church, suggests a reversal of the divine order, and so a possible hindrance instead of help. The church *first*, other organizations, if at all, afterwards.

Excepting in its application to those who are Christians, the very word "Endeavor" is misleading. It is *always* in order for Christians to *endeavor* to be better Christians, but those who are not Christians are never to be urged to *endeavor* to be Christians, but simply *to be* such. That is all there is of it.

In the use of the pledge and in the administration of this elaborately organized Society, it must never be forgotten that "the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." All will agree that this great organization has many excellences and some defects. If the discussion of this hour is to have much practical value, it must tell how to remedy its defects and augment its excellences. Before venturing to make any suggestions in the way of amendment or improvement, two or three things ought to be premised.

First. It is a comfort to know that evil tendencies inherent in organizations and institutions do not always come to full fruitage. Happily they are sometimes unexpectedly and even unconsciously held in abeyance or neutralized by stronger counter tendencies. Vigorous health is a splendid antidote to the whole destructive army of germ diseases. Even if they are in the healthy system, they are dislodged or overborne. The stronger ecclesiastical polities and denominational spirit in some other communions than ours will do much to restrain the centralizing and separative tendency in the societies that come under their influence.

Second. The ideal organization which would bring and keep those of all

ages together in Christian work and worship is at present impossible of realization. The drift is in the other direction. In fact, this is the era of the young people. They are seeing visions; they are pretty nearly in the lead. If the Christian Endeavor Society were to disband to-day, some kindred organization would take its place to-morrow. This is inevitable. The young people are bound to do some things all by themselves. This is the temper of the times, the mood of the hour all round. Hence, the only question is as to the *best* organization.

Third. The Christian Endeavor movement cannot now be arrested, any more than you can arrest a meteor, or stop the tides.

Humble in its origin, phenomenal in its growth, contagious in its spirit, fascinating in its appeal, enthusiastic in its purpose, cosmopolitan in its influence, impressive in its numbers, responsive in its temper, sublime in its audacity, resistless in its momentum, and in its possibilities measureless, it is destined, I think, to command the confidence and shape the Christian life of our young people for some years to come. Just at present it seems to have the inside track with no rival agency in sight. On what rock, if any, it will split and go down cannot now be clearly foreseen. It is doubtless here for a while to stay. So far as can be now seen, it is one of those Providential agencies which the church will do well to be swift to recognize, utilize, and seek to guide.

Suppose we take it at its word, so often reiterated, when it declares its purpose to be absolutely amenable and loyal to the church, and ask it to so modify its Constitution as to become organically a part of the church. Will not the Society accept suggestions from such a body as this? It does not claim perfection.

Then, it would be very wise for the Society, in time of calm, to provide for storms. They are sure to come.

If the organization gains in other elements of strength and declines in spiritual power, it may need the steadying and controlling influence of the church to hold it true to its own chosen ideals. The more closely it holds itself in aim and spirit to the heart of the church and works from this centre, the more fruitful and beneficent will its service be. The Society that best serves the church best serves itself. There should be such exact identity as not to admit even of reciprocity.

The church should recognize the wholesomeness of granting some liberty to the young people. With some power of initiative and some sense of freedom, they work to better advantage than under too careful supervision. A considerable part of the training of the young is training in the right use of power. They learn by doing. Within certain limits, it is better for them, left to themselves, to make some blunders, than, depending upon others, to succeed.

Whatever the form of organization, there is only one remedy for the mistakes and deficiencies of youth — and that comes fast enough and without solicitation. To be thoroughly sympathetic with youth is a fine quality in age. In fact it makes age impossible. On the whole, young people are responsive to those older and wiser than themselves. Sym-

pathetically approached, they crave guidance and ask to be set to work. They are not likely to be anchored very securely to the church by any constitutional enactments. If they part company to any extent with the church, it will be because they feel the pull and attraction of a body that seems to them to have more life and warmth than the church itself.

The churches can mould the Endeavor Societies, still plastic, to their touch. The divine order is, life first, organization afterward, whether in human organization or the church. Keep the spiritual tide at its fullest in the church and also in the society, life answering to life, and then schism will become impossible, and the deepest and most abiding unity will be secured.

THE CHURCH AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.[1]

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The duty of caring for the public welfare rests upon all. For convenience and effectiveness we have mayors, congressmen, policemen, tax collectors and street laborers who give their whole time to it, just as we have ministers devote themselves to the work of the church, which is our common trust. This relieves no one of his share of the responsibility. Some other return should be made for the benefits of government than a reluctant payment of taxes. As religion means the application of the loftiest principles to the details of daily living, so good citizenship means the bringing of large intelligence, pure purpose, and enthusiastic devotion to those duties that we share with a hundred or a thousand or twelve million others. There is need of conscientiousness in casting a ballot or signing a petition as truly as in performing the duties of selectman or president.

The relation of the church to good citizenship is a proper subject for discussion simply because the church contains those persons who are most responsive to the appeal of duty. It would be a waste of effort to address a tract upon this subject to political bosses or jailbirds.

The church is to have no power in civil affairs except by moral influence. Any organic connection would paralyze the spiritual life of the church without elevating the policy of the state. The English bishops sit in the House of Lords, and yet Great Britain ignores the cries of bleeding Armenia while preparing for an unprovoked war in the Soudan.

We are not called upon to go into politics in a body. It is unfortunate that there should be any political divisions among us based on nationality or anything else than honest difference of opinion as to what policy will most promote the public good. The existence of a church party would be a great misfortune. Far less propriety would there be in our forming ourselves into a secret and oath-bound alliance, as the manner of some is said to be. The church should set its face like a flint against methods

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that are more after the spirit of the plotting Sanhedrim than of Him who spake boldly in the Temple. Believing in the supremacy of moral force, we should insist upon absolute openness of discussion. The cause of human liberty can never be helped by an intolerance that only dares avow itself in full behind closed doors.

The mediæval theory that the state received light and heat from the church, as the moon does from the sun, embodied an indisputable truth. Without a Christian atmosphere neither social nor political science can help men. It was doubtless best in the separation of church and state that the latter should assume functions which had belonged to the church, but it is still indispensable that these should be administered in accordance with Christian principles. When this is not done, we ought to make vigorous protest. It is folly for us to teach in our Sunday schools that industry, honesty, and frugality are virtues to be sought after, if we allow the belief to pass unquestioned that public officials can live without working or can spend the money of others extravagantly or corruptly.

But this is not the whole of good citizenship. One of the Beechers used to have a lecture upon The Negative Delusion, that delusion consisting in the belief that there is skill or power in destructive work, as when hoodlums tear down a building or gossips destroy a reputation. One form of this delusion is the theory that good citizenship consists chiefly in assailing somebody. This is sometimes necessary, and when it is well done, it is highly commendable. But the overthrow of a political ring is an exceptional task. It need not be done every year in every community. And it is not by itself a lasting achievement. Unless the public are educated to better ideas, the same forces that put one machine in control of the local government will soon put another there. But it is a popular performance, as everybody enjoys a scrimmage. For this reason, it is also a risky piece of work; the instantaneous applause that it secures prompts men to engage in it from mixed motives. It is, moreover, a work that awakens bitter and personal animosities. There is the same opposition of man to man as in football, and the same temptation to slug. Moreover, if we confine the good citizenship of the church to assaults upon unrighteous public servants, not much will be done. Many men are doing business on such small margins that it is a serious matter for them to incur the ill will of any class. It is not fair for ministers to say sarcastic things about them for not leading in reform movements. But the clergyman who himself engages in such work is in an unpleasant dilemma. Either he must bring accusations on hearsay evidence at the risk of being compelled to retract, or else he must take time and thought and energy from the task of feeding the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made him overseer, to engage in detective work or to have it done, oftentimes by men who themselves need watching. It is sometimes necessary to do this, but such cases are not common. If the church in general is to raise the standard of citizenship, it must be in some more constructive way than by the uncovering of maladministration and in some more continuous way than by the holding of campaign meetings.

Neither will our regard for the public welfare show itself exclusively in the attempt to secure new laws. Both as a State and a nation we have a wise constitution and, in the main, a good body of legislation. What is needed is a public sentiment that will elect better men to office and then look after them more closely. Whatever we do for the country we must do for and through the people of the country. From this point of view there is nothing in the whole range of the church's activity that is not designed to promote good citizenship, The object of all our work is to produce better men and women. Every sermon, every session of the Sunday school, every pastoral call is intended to make those affected better qualified both for citizenship in heaven and for the body politic on earth.

There are some fields that are peculiarly promising. The church should keep close to the work of education. By close supervision of the public schools, by the use of improved methods of instruction in the Sunday school, by the encouragement of kindergartens and other private educational enterprises, and by the liberal support of our colleges, the church, though no longer having exclusive control of education, can still keep it under Christian influence. There is an unappreciated field here for private beneficence. In every Christian Endeavor Society are boys and girls with minds athirst for knowledge whom a trifling amount of aid would enable to remain longer in school.

Despite the progress of recent years, the correct administration of charity is still one of the urgent needs of society. Competent authorities say that there are forty-five thousand tramps in the United States ordinarily and eighty-five thousand in hard times. For this great horde the truest kindness is repression. Giving them doles without investigation encourages them in this way of life, and is not Christian charity. The name of Christ ought not to be blasphemed by being made to sanction such a course. The same remark applies to the professional beggary of our cities. The church should care for its own needy members in the most enlightened and effective manner, and should co-operate in charitable movements in the community, emphasizing the value of restrictive methods, and also contributing the indispensable enthusiasm and sympathy.

There is also a large field for the gentle ministrations of Christianity in connection with jails and almshouses. Those in charge of such institutions constantly witness suffering that they cannot relieve, and are in danger of becoming calloused so as not to appreciate the evils that are daily before them. They know, however, that any change means a disturbance of the existing routine and a difficult adjustment of the administration to new rules. They are, therefore, often inclined to think that the present condition is as good as is practicable, and to sneer at the suggestion that any specified measure will bring improvement. This makes it more imperative that Christian citizens should be watchful for abuses and unshrinking in the advocacy of needed reform.

Furthermore, it seems as though the three hundred and fifty thousand members of Protestant churches in Massachusetts might, if they earnestly

desired such results, secure cleaner newspapers, less vulgar bill-boards, more "No" votes, a better respect for Sunday, less power of boodle in city governments, more prominence of principle and less of private interest in the discussion of public questions and the enacting of laws, and such an enforcement of all law as shall promote the purest, noblest, highest, greatest good of the greatest number.

The great obstacles are partisanship and indifference. It is hard either to define or recognize partisanship. Each thinks that all who do not agree with him are possessed of it. As long as we are creatures of sympathy and prejudice and not of pure intellect, we shall probably differ in judgment as to whether particular candidacies embody principle or are opposed to it. Those who perform their civic duties under the inspiration of religion ought to exhibit a greater farsightedness than is now common. If a thousand years are with the Lord as one day, then his servants ought to be serene in the prospect of immediate defeat. The small politician cannot look beyond the impending election, while he who battles for the right can exercise a grand patience. This is not indifference nor that happy-go-lucky fatalism with which Europeans reproach us. It is rather an insight into the inherent weakness of wickedness and a conviction that all the counsel of God shall be established. Those who cry in the wilderness the coming of the kingdom must be willing at times that their untoward generation shall reap the full fruit of its folly. As one form of appeal which seems of no present avail, but which may in time compel attention, let me suggest the value of the blank line in the Australian ballot. There ought to be a large "scattering" vote, particularly at municipal elections. If there were a considerable number of voters for whom the best was none too good, who would bolt the nomination of any and every party and throw away their vote, if need be, to express their longing for the ideal, they would soon find that their sentiments were treated with respect in the making of the nominations.

For indifference there is no royal remedy. We must continue to proclaim in season and out of season the obligation that rests on all. The German requirement that every able-bodied man shall serve a term in the army is a wrong application of a right principle. The personalities of her sons are a part of the wealth of the State. No one has a right to lock up his education or sound judgment or executive ability or any other quality by which he may be serviceable.

Congregationalism gave the country the framework of its constitution, and is especially fitted to teach fidelity in the duties of citizenship. A church in which all members have equal privilege of divine enlightenment and equal voice in the ordering of the organized life of their fellowship is the best conceivable training ground for the voters of a republic. Priesthood and sovereignty are essential in some form to the well-being of a state. While we laud the Puritans for establishing a church without a bishop and a state without a king, let us bring it to pass, as far as we can, that every Christian and every citizen shall accept the sublime dignity and responsibility of these functions as a part of his heritage.

THE ENRICHMENT OF THE CHURCH SERVICE.[1]

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This topic would have seemed alien once to the Congregational mind. But the hour seems to have struck on the denominational clock, when the consideration of the enrichment of the church service presents itself as a practical matter. The growing observance of the Christian Year; the additional responses in the service; the readiness with which congregations enter into the parts assigned them; the multiplication, in the publisher's catalogue, of the special services intended to fill empty seats and guaranteed to work, — all these show a stream of tendency which cannot be ignored. And specially significant is the fact that so many young people from Congregational families go over to the Episcopal church.

The whole question of the church service involves a very simple principle and a rather complex and elastic application. The principle may be easily stated. That service is best which is best able to build up the worshipper and the congregation in spiritual life. The object is not to entertain, but to edify. Thus far, I think, the matter is plain enough. It is with the application that the difficulty begins. Should there be many forms, or few? And what should be their character? What parts are to be assigned, respectively, to the minister, the choir, and the congregation? Is a liturgy of any kind desirable?

It will be noticed that the question is not between form and no form; it is merely what kind of form, and how much. Form we must have. It is only through some form or other that the spirit can express itself. The public worship that is without form is also void. Those who imagine that they must keep clear from all form, as from a species of bondage, should remember that what they call absence of form may itself have become a form of the most tyrannical kind. The question, I say, relates to the quality, the quantity, and the arrangement of the forms we adopt.

If it were our purpose to look for the ideal service, without regard to traditional habits, we might find some helpful suggestions in the world of nature around us. Let us see. The universe is orderly and musical and beautiful. The stars rise and set in the same order, and are punctual in their appointments to a second; it is in the same order that the different kinds of trees array themselves in springtime, — the different kinds of flowers break through the mould, and the different kinds of birds return. A rhythm runs through all things, from the arrangement of the molecules in a crystal or of the petals in a flower, up to the ebb and flow of the tides, the alternations of day and night, and the revolutions

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of the planets around the sun. The doctrine of the music of the spheres is not a fiction, but a discovery. And all the while the lavish variety of form and color, of sound and motion, bears perpetual testimony to the truth that He hath made everything beautiful in its time. The universe is also repetitious. It has its periods, seasons, and constantly recurring aspects, presenting the same themes for our contemplation over and over again, and we never tire of them. The last sunrise is as fresh and beautiful as the thousands that have preceded it. And then the world of nature abounds in responses, — the shadow of the rock in water answering to the rock, the echo to the voice, the eye to the sunlight. Nor should we forget that the universe is centred in unity. There is no one thing in nature to which all the rest seems incidental. Everything is needed, and we are impressed with the grand result of the whole.

Now this universe, with its order, and music, and beauty, its repetitions, its utterances and amens, and its centralized completeness, is represented as praising God. It is a great act of public worship going solemnly on, hour after hour, age after age, before our very eyes. "Fire and hail; snow and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling his word; mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl," — all these participate; and the Psalmist, without a break, calls on men to do likewise: "Kings of the earth and all people; princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children." There is no exception. All created things have a part in the one service. It seemed so to the Hebrew mind. The Hebrews, of all ancient peoples, recognized the unity of things and the true relation of spirit to form. We are not surprised, therefore, that this grand liturgy of nature became reflected in the Temple service and in the heavenly service of the vision of John. It has been reflected more or less in every great system of public worship. The question becomes, Why should it not be reflected with greater distinctness than it is in our system?

While it is true that we ought to cling to faith beyond the forms of faith, and while, possibly, there are some,

> "Whose faith has centre everywhere,
> Nor cares to fix itself to form,"

can we say that the tendency to richer forms of worship is other than natural to man? May it not be a healthy indication of fellowship with the harmonious whole, and a feeling after some better way of falling into the majestic rhythm of the life of God?

But I am aware that we can hardly carry on the discussion with profit, or with any definiteness of suggestion, unless we invoke the historic sense and dispossess ourselves of certain prejudices, which we, as representatives of the Puritans and Pilgrims, may naturally entertain. I must therefore devote a paragraph to that point even at the risk of impeding the progress of this paper.

The Puritans and Pilgrims were the noblest company of men that ever trod this continent; but their distinction rests on the spirit that was in them rather than on the forms and methods through which it found expres-

sion. They were devout, earnest, conscientious, and self-sacrificing; they were also appreciative of the beautiful, for John Milton was their poet; and yet, for reasons which every thoughtful man will honor, they gave their places of worship a barnlike severity of architecture; they excluded everything that would please the eye or awaken an æsthetic emotion; they stood or sat in buildings without artificial heat in winter or window shades in summer; they sang without instruments, using only the Psalter for a hymn book, and took their sermons by the hour. All this was due, not so much to the necessity which a new country imposes as it was to a deliberate choice; and as children grew up who had known no other way, the Puritan way came to be regarded as essential to true religion. The gradual return to a more beautiful environment and a more elaborate service has seemed to some people like the relaxing of religious principle, and been disapproved, if not resisted, at every step of the way. One good brother expressed his disapproval of the introduction of heating apparatus into the church building by saying that the fire of the Holy Ghost ought to be enough to keep any Christian warm, — forgetting how economical the average Christian can be of the fire of the Holy Ghost and still retain his good and regular standing in the church.

Now, the historic sense comes in to assure us that the essential and permanent element in true worship is the spirit of worship, while the variable element is the outward form. To say that what was right for our fathers is right for us in matters of form shows a lack of the historic sense; for our fathers were never in our circumstances, nor are we in theirs. The Puritans were in the attitude of aggressive protest against a corrupt and oppressive system. Originally they had no objection to the church forms. Their grievance was not with the prayer book but with the bishop. The Puritan principle of individual freedom arrayed itself against the Anglican principle of authoritative supervision; and, as this protest required greater and greater emphasis, it was carried over into externals, so that forms and methods became a sort of uniform for distinguishing friend from foe. When the Anglican said *church*, the Puritan said *meetinghouse;* when the former said *service*, the latter said *meeting;* when the one employed paintings and statues and symbols, the other gloried in bare walls; and so on through the whole list. This was a war measure, and, like other war measures, legitimate for a time; but it could not be expected to continue after the principle contended for had become established. There was a period in the history of this State when the use of tea was unpatriotic; but the exigency passed, and the tea returned. The men who threw overboard the tea, and the men who threw overboard the forms of the Anglican church so long before, were working at the two ends of the same principle. "No bishop, no king." But the tea came back without the king, and there is no cause for alarm if some of the forms come back without the bishop.

It is well to keep always in mind what it was that the Pilgrims really achieved and bequeathed. It was freedom — not a fixed system, but a

fixed principle. Our inheritance is the right to use any forms which commend themselves to the conscience. The local church is independent. There is nothing in the Congregational polity to prevent our adopting as elaborate a service as the Episcopalian, if we choose to do so. This would not make Episcopalians of us, for it does not touch the vital point of difference. The feeling that we should not use certain forms, or observe certain days, merely because some other communion with which we are not altogether in sympathy does so, is at this late day irrational. I for one am not willing to concede that the prayer book and the Christian Year and Christian symbolism are the private property of any one or two branches of the Christian church. They are the common inheritance of all. We must recognize the church universal.

It seems odd, when we stop to think of it, that we refuse to surmount our church buildings with the cross, the symbol of Christlike devotion, while a "rooster" on the vane, which should remind us of the denial of Christ, is regarded with the utmost complacency. You will even find people who look with suspicion on so harmless an exercise as responsive reading. They make the mistake of locating the devil in the wrong place. Indeed, it often happens that in our search for that eminent and energetic personage, we repeat the experience of Josh Billings in his search for a mosquito: "When you put your finger on the spot where he actually is, he ain't there also." While we are hunting for the devil in the form, it may be that under one of his numerous Protean shapes, he is safe and warm and contented in the worshipper's heart.

It is a curious fact that, in spite of the teachings of history, men are far more conservative of some particular way of doing things than they are of the spirit which originally gave life and significance to that way. They will defend the jewel casket with infinite pains without troubling themselves at all to know whether the jewel is any longer in the casket. The casket may be Roman Catholic, or Episcopalian, or Puritan. It makes no difference. Bondage is bondage. But where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. We need to recover the doctrine of the Holy Spirit as a perpetual guide from truth to truth through ceaseless changes. True conservatism is conservatism of the spirit. Our safety does not consist in clinging to Puritan methods as such, but in clinging to the Puritan spirit. The danger to-day is not in adopting a richer form of service, but in adopting a more flabby conscience. The Puritans were the progressives of their day. They stood for conscience and for freedom of conscience. With their spirit in us we may choose what methods we will.

The principle with which we started out, and for which we are seeking an application to present needs, is that of helpfulness to the spiritual life. Up to this point we have been trying to clear the ground. We have pointed to the world of nature as a storehouse of suggestion on which the great liturgies of the past have so largely drawn. We have reminded ourselves that we are not bound by the traditional practices of the denomination in the matter of forms, simply because they are traditional, and that, on the other hand, we are permitted by our Congregational

polity to adopt any new practices which the case demands. When we lay aside prejudice and put on privilege, we have a free field; and it is on such a field that the discussion should proceed.

The time has come, it seems to me, for the people to take a larger share in the church service. It is amazing that they have been willing to sit still so long. They have been trained to listen, or, at any rate, to appear to do so. They sit still, and spread out the ear for whatever the choir and minister choose to pour into it. And this passivity they account to themselves for righteousness. Sometimes, no doubt, it is, as cultivating patience and fortitude, when the sermon is long and dry. The ear has been overworked; we wonder it does not suffer from hypertrophy; perhaps it is only the extreme slowness of the evolutionary process that has prevented some congregations from running exclusively to ears. But if the trees of the forest clap their hands and sing at the presence of the Lord, why should not the trees of righteousness, the people of the Lord, show some sign of life, too? If the word service means anything at all, it means a giving as well as a receiving.

We need to recover the expressive side of public worship. The sermon is for impression; it is not more impressive than it ought to be — at least in my church; it should be made better and better, and ever remain the principal feature in the service; and yet the sermon is not the whole. I once knew a man of Congregational training whose wife was a very churchly Episcopalian. This man could never be induced to attend with his wife at the beginning of the service; he would go just in time to hear the sermon, after, as he expressed it, they had got through with the chores. We need to recover the truth that hymns and prayers and responses are not chores any more than paragraphs of the sermon. I have attended service where it seemed to me that the sermon itself was of texture sufficiently thin to be classed among the chores.

We might make more of our orders of service without the danger of substituting form for spirit. The responses might be increased; in some churches the service opens with responsive sentences. A litany might be used in place of one of the prayers, with responses from the congregation. This would add greatly to the value of the service and need not rule out extempore prayer. And why not have something of antiphonal singing, where the means for it exist? But the people should have a voice in it. One of the main functions of the choir, whether quartette or chorus, is to lead the congregation. That is the way they do in heaven, — the four beasts, the four and twenty elders, and then the great multitude. Even such details as the *amen* at the end of hymns, and the *amen* by the choir after the benediction, are not too small for consideration. It has been objected that the *amen* at the end of hymns, and such an expression as "Here endeth the reading of the Scripture" after the Scripture, are superfluities, inasmuch as everybody knows that the end is reached. But most hymns are prayers, and if the *amen* is proper in one case it is in the other. Furthermore, it is in the nature of worship not to take things for granted, even when perfectly obvious, but to give expression to things.

An attention to some of the grace notes, as it were, helps foster the spirit of reverence. The wearing of a gown by the minister, which is the practice in some of our churches, also helps to the same end.

The congregation can aid the worship by appropriate changes of attitude, — always standing when it takes any part in the service, except during the prayers, and then the head should be bowed. What is more absurd than for a congregation to sit while singing the Gloria? And what is more like a dash of cold water in the minister's face, when he says, "Let us pray," than to see the majority of the congregation determined to sit bolt upright, after the manner of Miss Ophelia, like so many darning needles stuck in a board? I like to see the head bowed for a moment of silent prayer when the worshipper first takes his seat.

But all these are matters of education. We cannot pass from one way to another at a single bound. Nor would it be best. Our churches are already at different stages of progress. We are moving toward richer forms. The forms we now use may be added to from time to time. When the minister is obliged to take three or four parts of the service consecutively, and perhaps to read the notices as a response to his own prayer, we see how slight the changes that would afford at least some improvement. I believe it would prove of value to the churches — by calling attention to the matter, if in no other way — if this Association should undertake to prepare and recommend one or two orders of service, in which a larger place should be given to the expressive side of worship. It might add a simple liturgy, which could be used in whole, or in part, or with variations, as a church might prefer.

No liturgy, however, can be prepared offhand. As a writer on the subject remarked in a Boston paper, "Some things grow besides elm-trees and flowers." We must turn to those forms of expression which are the outgrowth of experience in the church through many generations. We cannot depart very far from the stately language of the Bible, of the prayer book, and of the prayers of the saints consecrated by ages of Christian use. Here are treasures close at hand for everybody's use. It requires more imagination and more spirituality to carry on a congregational church than almost any other, in a satisfactory manner, and we should avail ourselves of whatever will strengthen the imaginative and spiritual faculties without rendering their employment one whit less necessary. The enrichment of the service is to help worship, not to take the place of worship. In the Andover Seminary church, at the second service, a liturgy has been used for several years with great success; and, I think, in some other Congregational churches also.

The placing of greater responsibility on the people might tend to mitigate certain evils: *e. g.*, tardiness — though I do not feel sure that anything known to man will really affect tardiness; but it might reduce curiosity as a motive for church attendance; it might minimize the question, "Who is going to preach to-day?" and relieve the minister of the supposed necessity of advertising his theme. It might strengthen the assumption that, whoever the preacher or whatever his theme, the sermon and the service would be religiously helpful.

But with or without an elaborate service public worship would be enriched by a greater regard for unity. The ideal service is not a heap of things thrown loosely together; nor is it a polygon, or a polyhedron, full of angles and sharp corners; it is, rather, a sphere. A young boy, after attending a liturgical service for the first time, made the criticism that things connected. Things do not always connect in our ordinary services. I wonder that ministers are ever quite willing to leave the selection of hymns to others. The details of a service do very much to make or to mar the unity of impression. We are careful to guard the unity of the service on Christmas, Easter, Memorial, and Communion Sundays. Why not on every Sunday? "The Christian Year" would help in this.

There is another thing which I think we should remember in dealing with the church service. It is an important matter. I mean that regard for the fitness of things which goes under the name of good taste. However wisely the service may be planned, its efficiency is largely the result of the way it is carried out. There are no rules for this. It depends on that fine feeling in minister, choir, and congregation which can distinguish sincerity from cant, wit from coarseness, and worship from the habit of running through a set of forms. Without this discernment everything fails. If the minister treats the service like a man taking it by the job; if he lacks the reverential spirit; if the moment the amen is said, he begins to slap you on the back, and explode his jokes, — why, the difference between one form of service and another is not worth considering: he will make havoc of any. If the congregation insists on singing meaningless words to flippant and shallow tunes, the result is a stumbling-block to any devout and cultivated mind. It is just as easy to find words and music that will appeal to the deeper sympathies of all. If the machinery of the service rattles at every transition, the less there is of it the better.

The most nicely arranged forms are no protection of themselves, so much depends on the personal element. Coarse instincts will make the finest service coarse; fine instincts will make the simplest fine. It is the duty of the church to set its standard high, and then, if needful, to bring the people up to that standard. Of all institutions the church can least afford to ignore that delicate relation which exists between good taste and good morals. James Russell Lowell never uttered a truer or finer thought than when he said that good taste is the conscience of the mind just as conscience is the good taste of the soul.

The point at which we may begin the enrichment of the service is at the point of reverence. The cultivation of the spirit of reverence is a crying need of our times. We Americans are not the reverent people we ought to be. I like that fine sense which leads a man, in some countries, to remove his hat on meeting a funeral procession, and on entering a church building at whatever hour. There are some obligations from which even the Declaration of Independence cannot release us, and some dangers from which it cannot save us. Without reverence there can be no manly character and no acceptable worship. We need more reverence for the

past, for the aged, for high public office, and especially for sacred things. The Bible is different from all other books ever written; the church building from all other buildings on earth; the religious service from all other employments in which men engage. These things demand reverence; they must have it, or their mission to us will fail. In the hour of worship we are in some sense in the presence of the living God; we should recognize this fact by attitude, demeanor, and thought; we should cultivate the feeling which enabled Moses to hear the Voice which said, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

What we are all after, brethren, is a church service that shall be beautiful, dignified, and edifying, in the noblest sense; and, whatever the forms through which we seek that worthy goal, we must see to it that, instead of allowing them to become dark and meaningless things, we make them as perpetually burning lamps in the sanctuary for transmitting the light of the Light of the World into the hearts of men; and sacredly guard them at every point by the remembrance of one great fact, namely, that the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

HOW TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELIGIOUS WANTS OF OUR INCREASING CITY POPULATION.

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The problem of our day is the problem of the city. Not only in America but throughout the Christian world, wherever the law of Christ has engendered better government because of better people, the growth of the city has been the preeminent factor. The Gospel means brotherhood, not only in its spiritual content, but also in its practical results. The great city is the legitimate economic result of principles rooted in the Cross. The more widely and profoundly these principles prevail, the stronger becomes the impulse to fraternize and concentrate. But the noblest result of worthy effort may soon become its peril. The half-way Christian does vastly more evil than good. The great church which betrays its mission to the vicinage, though still achieving somewhat for itself, yet lies a huge stumbling block across the path of Christian progress. The law of Christ is the law of service. When service ceases the life ceases, and the organism, however grand, which lies lifeless and idle, becomes of necessity an offence. The topic for this hour is the nature of the service demanded, or, "How to provide for the religious wants of our increasing city population." The Committee on Home Evangelization has presented to you its report in print. Since practically the same topic is assigned to this hour as that which has occupied the committee, the reading of that report has been omitted and the chairman has been asked to open this discussion. In very significant aspects the problem of the metropolis differs from that of the lesser cities. It is not to the problem of the former I shall devote my thought at present, but to the needs of the lesser cities and larger towns, where for the most part the church membership substantially occupies the territory of its natural parish, and yet finds itself encompassed by an increasing number of those who rarely or never attend the church service.

The investigation of the Home Evangelization Committee shows that of our industrial centres thirty, and probably nearer fifty, per cent of the non-Catholic population rarely attend church. These comprise what we call the unchurched class. The careful investigation of Dr. Josiah Strong, as the basis for his figures in "The New Era," fully confirms the judgment that one half the *non*-Catholic population are *non*-church-going. It is a class which, while composed in chief part of honest, industrious, and worthy citizens, yet also enfolds and nurtures the forces of evil which

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threaten both church and State. From this class come, as a rule, the supporters of the saloon, the brothel, and the gambling den. To it belong almost exclusively the advocates of socialistic anarchy. To it belong the greater number whose votes are at the disposal of the highest bidder. And yet when full account is taken of all whose attitude is distinctively hostile to morality, these constitute, in such cities and towns as we are considering, but a small fraction of the greater number who, from various reasons, are not members or supporters of any Christian body. The men are members each of from two to five lodges, whose practical provision for their households in case of sickness or death counts far more in their esteem than any practical assistance the Protestant churches have ever suggested.

In these lodges they find brotherhood for *to-day*— a thing they much prefer to the hope of brotherhood in the celestial city preceded by terrestrial ostracism. The reason for so large a body of intelligent, industrious households practically unchurched, I hesitate not a moment in saying consists chiefly in the church's failure to meet their need in the spirit of the lowly, self-denying Master. Such an environment is a peril to the church. For its own preservation here, and, may I not also say, for its own salvation beyond, the church is under sacred bonds to save its vicinage. To achieve this demands, first, a knowledge which few churches adequately possess of the actual facts; and, second, the serious conviction that the first and most imperative responsibility of each church is that which it owes to these unchurched households at its door. We are not unmindful of the sacrifices which have been made by pastors and churches to this end. Missions have been sustained and visitors sent out. The Young Men's Christian Association has done its magnificent work. The Salvation Army has had hearty support. Pastors not a few have devoted their best energy to offer an evening service so attractive that the masses should be irresistibly drawn to the sanctuary. And yet, with all our effort, the proportion of the non-church-going remains alarmingly and increasingly great. For any novel or absolute panacea we shall vainly search. But that some things may be done far more effectually than we have done them is my firm conviction. We cannot spare a single agency already in operation. In addition to them, however, I deem three things an imperative need of the hour.

The first of these is the hearty *cooperation of our churches*, first, for a knowledge of the precise dimensions, locality, and nature of the need; and, second, for its economical supply. As usually conducted, our town and city missionary effort involves large waste.

In a region two miles square will be found from twelve to twenty churches whose parishes interlace and overlap. Perhaps three or four of the largest of these churches employ a missionary. Others send out district visitors. But what pastor of either church knows precisely the limits of his parish? For which and for how many of these non-church-going families shall he hold himself or his church in any way responsible? He cannot cover the whole ground. It would be presumptuous to attempt

it. He would find himself continually trespassing upon the field of brother pastors. And so, as the inevitable result, each pastor comes soon to limit his pastoral oversight, for the most part, to the households whom he recognizes as attendants upon his services. The great number who never attend, or not often enough to be recognized, live on year after year with no pastoral visitation and with no recognized church affiliation. For such a widely prevalent condition there is but one possible remedy, and that *cooperation*. Let these churches unite by the appointment of a committee who shall employ a tactful, consecrated missionary for the continuous and thorough canvass of this territory, and very soon by far the largest number of these households will be distributed by their own choice among the various churches, and each pastor will not only know the precise limits of his parish, but he will also enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that not a single household of the entire region is overlooked. That such cooperation is not mere theory is shown by its practical existence for more than two years in that portion of Boston's twenty-third ward known as Jamaica Plain. The six churches of a region about one mile square are united by a cooperative committee known as the Fraternal Council. These churches are the Congregational, Unitarian, Episcopalian, Baptist, Methodist, and Universalist. They unite to employ a missionary who constantly visits, and once every month meets the committee, reads a report, and distributes to the pastors the addresses of the households who have chosen their pastoral care. In this way every household in Jamaica Plain is appointed to some church. It then becomes the easy privilege of the pastor to visit these households and encourage their attendance upon the Sabbath and week-day services. While I have not the exact figures, not less than four hundred families have within the past two years been brought into such pastoral connection. No family can come to the smallest apartment on the most secluded street or place of Jamaica Plain, and remain two months, without being thus placed under some pastor's care and receiving such speedy visitation both from pastor and church visitor as shall show our interest.

Thus for each pastor the precise limits of his parish are determined, and he rejoices in the certainty that not one household is overlooked. The result is not only the attraction of many to God's house, but that sense of affiliation with the church which, even though slight, must increasingly influence every member of the household. What more important step to the supply of the religious wants of our increasing population of our cities than this of first bringing every household into some touch with some pastor and church. And how this can be achieved except by cooperative effort it is difficult to see. There would seem no reason why what has been so successfully done in one precinct of Boston may not be done with equal facility and profit in many similar precincts and in every lesser city and town. Such cooperation with the Unitarian and Universalist churches has involved no slightest concession or compromise respecting doctrinal belief, nor on any occasion has the faintest ripple of doctrinal discord disturbed the serenity of our mutual labor of love. Experience

satisfies me that not only is nothing imperilled, but very much is gained, by such a degree of united effort. The mere fact of such cooperation of *all* the Protestant churches opens to our missionary visitor many a door which would otherwise be closed. There exists ample reason why Congregationalists and Unitarians, separated in their belief by sharp contrasts, may not recognize the same spiritual teacher; but no reason why they may not, to the extent of such cooperation, heartily concede each other's honesty and sincerity.

The second thing needful to meet the wants of our town and city population is for wiser and more persistent *evangelistic* effort. Whatever opinion any pastor may hold as to the wisdom of evangelistic effort for his own church and congregation, an opinion gendered not rarely by the evangelist who fails to combine wisdom with fervor, yet it remains true that upon this agency, from Pentecost till now, the blessing of God has signally rested. Ministering, as so many pastors do, to a stated congregation of whom the large majority are Christians, the preaching cannot wisely and continuously partake of the directly evangelistic spirit. To preach the simple and urgent gospel of salvation, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved — Now is the accepted time" — the preacher must have an audience who need it, and such an audience nothing, to-day, so immediately draws as does the evangelistic service. We need this service, not only for the gospel-hardened of our regular audience, but for the far larger number whom we rarely see but who are sure to flock to any evangelistic services under wise and able conduct. It is the non-church-going community about us who need our effort, and it is for their saving that I believe it our positive duty to unite as churches at no distant intervals in organizing the most thorough and effective presentation of the gospel to the largest and most popular audience. And not the least advantage of such service will be the conviction forced upon us by evidence we cannot gainsay, that it is the same old and simple story that wins the soul to-day as through all the centuries. My Unitarian brother in Jamaica Plain supports the Salvation Army because of its positive results. The day is coming, and I pray its speedy approach, when as Congregationalists we shall recognize the absolute necessity of this evangelistic effort for our communities, if ever we are to witness their surrender to the claims of our Lord.

The third thing needed, and by none more than by our New England Congregational churches, if we are in any just measure to supply the religious need of our growing population, is *social regeneration*.

By that I mean such a baptism of Christ's spirit of love as shall melt our frigid iceberg of exclusiveness into a sparkling, refreshing fountain of fraternal love and fellowship.

Peter, as the tender tradition relates, when flying from Rome and martyrdom, suddenly came face to face with his Lord. To the disciple's astonished question of surprise, "*Domine quo vadis?*" "Lord, why returnest thou?" his Lord replied, "I come to be crucified again." Overwhelmed with shame at his recreancy, the convicted Peter turned and

went bravely to his death. And so, to-day, the need of our churches has seemed to me the vision of our returned Lord girded again with a towel and bowing over the feet of his disciples, one by one, until even his betrayer has experienced his tender ministry of love. O my brethren, how vain are our visits from house to house, how vain our pleading with the churchless men and women of our cities to accept the Master of the Gospels, if, when constrained by his marvellous sacrifice, they enter our churches and then look in vain for a discipleship which in any adequate sense reveals his spirit of compassionate brotherhood and service. Why, as compared with the dictates of the mere worldly policy pursued by our multitudinous lodges and associations which have gathered the mass of our intelligent artisans, our Congregational spirit of brotherhood is at an amazing discount.

It is too true, though it be to our shame, that we have deemed our mission to the cultured and well to do, and not to that waiting mass whose children are to be the bone and sinew of the coming generation. Is it not time that not only in the few isolated instances of our institutional churches, but as a denomination, we do works meet for repentance. We have permitted the social prestige of culture and money, which ought to be yoked to Christ and his lowly service of love, to be too largely subsidized by the evil genius of pride and standing, until even for many of our most devoted members the church in its social aspects has become an offence. I am not unmindful of the instances of sweet and tender sacrifice which doubtless redeem every church from utter judgment — but alas! that they are so few! alas that they do not constitute the rule rather than the exception! In his last lecture to the Yale divinity students Dr. Van Dyke focussed the gospel needed for the times in the sublime fact of "election to *service*." It is the need of the pastor; it is the need of the church. "Except thy brother be with thee," experience is fast teaching us, is the absolute condition of our acceptance in the *to-day* as well the to-morrow of judgment. Our work for home and foreign missions is both heroic and sublime. The gift of Congregationalism to the liberty and intelligence of America is superb. But, unless with our gifts of money and culture we can in some fair measure, as churches, give ourselves in the joy of the Master's self-denying service to the men and women *at our door*, we shall never begin to supply their religious need. We shall but intensify the darkness, and by our failure obscure for a multitude the cross of our divine Lord. May God give to us the baptism of social regeneration! May God give to us, and to the churches we represent, the wisdom to behold the vision of our serving Master, and heed his word, "I have given you an example that ye also should do as I have done unto you."

THE PREACHING NEEDED BY THE CHURCHES OF TO-DAY.[1]

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The preacher of the gospel is pre-eminently a man of God. His thoughts and life are dominated by the idea of a Supreme Intelligence, of an infinite and holy Spirit, whose character and will afford the standard of human conduct and the ground of all spiritual hope. It is his mission to direct the attention of men to the best results of religious thought and experience; to keep before them the inspiring ideas of the divine Fatherhood, immortality and righteousness; to lay continual stress on the all-important facts that the love of God is behind all the phases of human life, that neither sin nor misery is necessarily a permanent condition, and that the most painful trials of an earthly existence are but the raw material out of which may be woven the fabric of an endless happiness.

For these and kindred truths he will find that there is an inborn receptiveness in human nature. Whatever broadness of mental culture he may bring to his work will widen the range of his influence and add to the momentum and impact of his words. But these must depend for their success upon the fact that they are the germs of supernal truth, and that a soil in which they will take root of themselves has already been prepared in human hearts.

Human nature may be compared to a lock with many and intricate works, and the religious gropings of men to attempts to find the missing key. If Christianity is a growing religion to-day, if it has a vitality which carries it through long periods of wide-spread doubt or wavering faith, if it is still finding a response in the hearts of men the most diverse in race and religious traditions, it is because it fits the gaps in human knowledge and unlocks the perplexing problems of human duty and destiny.

The mission of the pulpit, therefore, begins when that of science ends. When inductive reasoning has reached the "brazen wall" of agnosticism, and experimental research gives to the most earnest inquiries of the human soul only the chilling answer, "I do not know," it is the province of faith to declare its deep intuitions, and to round out the imperfect structure of human knowledge with the teachings of revelation. It is the business of the Christian prophet to keep in the world, as living realities, the stimulating and uplifting truths implied in the doctrines of redemption and a risen Christ. It is his mission to aid in giving to the world ocular proof that on such unworldly and spiritual conceptions lives can be built which will yield the rich fruit of a surpassing manhood. And there

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never has been a time when such an understanding of his office was more needed by him than it is to-day. There are two sets of influences currrent in the world with which he can hardly fail to come in contact.

One of these is the attitude which secular learning so often assumes towards the religion of Christ. The trend of scientific thought is, for the present, largely materialistic. The tendency, if not the aim, of some influential writers on evolution is to belittle man in his own eyes, and to persuade him that he is only "the paragon of animals, the quintissence of dust"; that the faculties which he has been wont to regard as clothed with divine authority are but the relics of certain instincts developed by the social needs of barbaric or anthropoid ancestors; that the belief in the separate existence of the soul is an illogical inference from the phenomena of dreams; that the influence which is shaping human destiny is not divine wisdom, but irrational force; that God is not a Father, and perhaps not even a reality, but either an unknowable First Cause or a fictitious mental creation which had its genesis in the worship of dead heroes.

But, with an inconsistency as strange as it is unreasonable, and an ethical ambition as admirable as it is visionary, some of them are striving to preserve the Christian standard of morals and, under the name of *altruism*, to keep in the world as an active influence the superlative principle of unselfish love. But no project could be more delusive and chimerical. The righteousness of self-sacrifice is superhuman if we are to accept the materialist's measure of man. Whatever may be said in praise of altruistic conduct, of self-denial for the sake of others, he is but a "bookish theoric" rather than a practical moral reformer, who imagines that such ideas will touch a responsive chord in the breasts of any considerable number of men who believe that death is liable to end, at any moment, both their activity and their consciousness. Even the sublime moral aspirations of Paul would not have been proof against the epicurean maxim: "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die," if the dead were not to rise. It is a monstrous incongruity to seek to graft angelic conduct on a mere animal and ephemeral nature; to teach man that he is but a brute and then to urge him to live like a god.

Such was not Christ's method. The moral code which he prescribed might well have seemed preternatural in its demand for a perfection of character like that of the Heavenly Father, but he did away with all sense of disproportion by enlarging man's conception of himself. He did not exhort men to build up in their own strength a structure of ideal holiness on the narrow foundation of a being that would end almost before the work had been fairly begun. He enlarged the supports of the life he would have them live by assuring them that they had at their disposal enough of time, spiritual resources and divine power to make it reasonable for them to expect to become what he would have them be.

And the Christian minister needs to continue the same method. He is a preacher of righteousness both personal and civic, and a natural leader in all benevolent and charitable work; but he must not allow the popular call for a practical Christianity to force his most inspiring beliefs into the

background, or suffer the common outcry against dogmas to reduce him to a mere teacher of ethics. Like the Saviour himself, he must lay stress on the invisible rays in the spectrum of human life, and remind his people over and over again that some of the most potent and vital facts with which they have to do lie outside the sphere of sense and within the domain of faith.

It is quite likely that there has been an excess of doctrinal preaching in the past, but a reaction has since set in and the pendulum is now nearing the other end of the arc. There is a disposition in some quarters to brand as mere dogma the whole supernatural side of the Christian revelation. There are too many clergymen who seem to think that they are fulfilling their mission if they preach only good morals. Morality is, no doubt, the ultimate aim of the gospel and the crowning glory of human life, if we mean by morality that of the Sermon on the Mount and of the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians. There is no higher fruitage to be yielded by a human soul, there is no more satisfactory offering that can be made to God, than the righteousness of unselfish love. But we have not exhausted the meaning of Christianity when we have made these statements. The moral character of Jesus is only half of the gospel, if, indeed, it is even so much. Men had higher ideas of duty before Christ came than they were willing to put in practice. John the Baptist's practical philanthropy, as shown in his answers to the question, "What shall we do?" is essentially Jewish, but it is what passes for Christianity in some circles to-day. The obligation to give away the spare coat, to do violence to no man, to be content with one's wages, to accuse no man falsely, — in other words, to be good citizens and kind neighbors, summarizes, in the minds of many, the only religion the world needs. But the great preacher of the wilderness knew better, and sent his converts to the greater Teacher who was just behind. He knew that what they needed was not so much ethical knowledge as power; not so much an elevation of their moral standards as an inspiration that would enable them to live nearer to those they already had. They needed to have life and incorruption brought to light; to have their vague, inoperative conceptions of the spiritual possibilities of human nature illumined and brought to the very forefront of their motives. They needed such an enlargement of their definition of man that the highest moral ideals would no longer intimidate and overawe them, but rather stimulate them to a more intense moral exertion. And the preacher to-day must realize that Christianity is not merely a perfect rule of conduct, but, quite as much and even more, a revelation of transcendent facts that will make such a rule appropriate to weak human nuture. He must save men, not merely by urging them to be good, but by giving them truths that will make even the highest goodness seem feasible. He must fulfil the prophecy that is latent in the old Promethean myth, and bring down fire from heaven to kindle into a blaze the dry sticks which men have already piled high within themselves, in the shape of sound moral theories and praiseworthy ideals which they have not moral energy enough to put to any practical use.

It is an easy inference from what has been said that the minister has no authority to teach outside the province which has just been briefly outlined. And this brings me to the second set of current tendencies with which the preacher may have to deal. As attempts were made to force the Saviour himself to answer questions which were merely political or social in their nature, so, in our own times, an increasing pressure is brought to bear upon the pulpit to declare itself in favor of movements or theories with which it has directly nothing whatever to do.

When two men came to Jesus to have him settle between them a dispute about an inheritance, he answered, almost with contempt, "Who made me a judge or a divider over you?" The matter they had broached must be settled by themselves or by their legal tribunals. It belonged to a lower plane than that on which he was working. What his mission really was in such cases he showed by what he said next: "Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." These words were addressed to both of them, and contain a moral and a spiritual truth. That is, they were strictly confined to the province within which a religious teacher must exert his influence. In adjusting their rival claims the two brothers must keep in harmony with their moral law, and, that they might the better do this, they must realize that the true life of man does not depend for its growth on the issues of any earthly ambition.

And this passage of Scripture is specially pertinent to the times in which we live. Some of the great questions which are now agitating the minds of men have grown out of a desire to secure a better division of what is deemed a common inheritance. The conflicts between labor and capital, the demand for an eight-hour law, and various socialistic schemes that are being pushed with more or less vigor, are movements along this line. They are due to a wide-spread discontent with the existing state of affairs, and a deep-seated suspicion that the brother whom the world calls fortunate has a larger share of temporal prosperity than of right belongs to him. With these there is associated not a little bitterness of feeling towards the church for its alleged lack of sympathy with the struggling poor, while preachers themselves are often at a loss to know what is their duty under the circumstances.

But it is not the business of the Christian minister to determine these questions. It is, as a rule, no part of his mission even to take sides on them. Though he ought to sympathize deeply with those who are seeking to right any real wrong, he has not been sent to solve social enigmas. The problems referred to are already in the mills of God, and by them we may trust that the right solutions will, in due time, be wrought out. The sociologist, the political economist, the expert in the laws of social dynamics, are as truly agents of the Almighty as is the preacher of the gospel, though laboring in a different sphere. Knowledge, experience, investigation, logic, sound judgment, are providential influences no less really than are revelation and brotherly compassion. It is through such instrumentalities that the cure for existing grievances must be

found, if these are to be radically and permanently healed. But the preacher of the gospel is not the physician who is to prescribe for such cases. As an individual he has a right to his opinions on all possible subjects, and to express them. No doubt cases will arise when, like Paul, he will be justified in stepping outside his own department and saying some things by permission rather than by commandment. He may claim a special priviledge to do this if he has studied deeply and candidly the question in dispute, and has formed an opinion on it which he has reason to believe valuable. But if he enters into the controversy without such a preparation, and adds his voice to the clamor of the agitator or lends his guesses to the schemes of either side, he becomes merely a new disturbing force. And, worse than that, he vacates the stronghold of a divine commission from which he may launch his words with almost godlike power, only to mingle in a war of words in which he can speak neither as one having authority nor knowledge.

The pulpit has almost ceased to be a force in politics because too many ministers are more inclined to consider national, and even municipal, affairs from the point of view of the mere partisan rather than from that of the teacher of righteousness and reformer of morals. And it is likely to insure a similar loss of prestige in another direction if it takes sides on some of the burning questions of the hour, and "darkens counsel by words without knowledge." It will earn the contempt of one party to the dispute without adding an atom of constructive wisdom to the resources of the other. By attempting to do a work to which it is not called and for which it is not fitted, it will simply throw away a large opportunity to fulfil its real mission in the crisis.

For it has something to say indirectly on all the great questions of the day. It is not to hold aloof from them because it has no authority to decide them. It is charged with a message to all the warring interests that are now pleading their causes at the bar of public opinion; but this is moral and spiritual rather than judicial. Its mission is still that of the Master, — not to be a judge or a divider in disputes which must be settled by a more competent tribunal, but to warn all the parties to every controversy against disobedience to eternal moral laws; to rebuke in both rich and poor that covetousness which restricts a man's ambitions to the prizes of this world; to denounce the pride of place or achievement that blunts the consciousness of a universal brotherhood; to furnish ground for a larger patience by reminding them who need it most that "a man's life" means more than *this* life, that it consisteth not in the abundance of material things which he possesseth, but in capacities and potentialities within him which give him an outlook beyond the stars.

It is likely enough that such a message may seem to many beside the mark, and that he who utters it may be twitted with "otherworldliness." But Christianity never would have got a foothold in the earth if its Founder had grappled with merely temporal problems and humored the desire of his times for a Messiah who would take sides on purely secular questions. The minds of men in his day were stirred to the very depths by

schemes of political reform which he did not touch. Industry was the prey of the grasping tax-gatherer, but he did not meddle with the fiscal policy which oppressed it. He aimed to right wrongs and correct abuses of all kinds, but only through such agencies as faith, patience, and the power which the human conscience would get from his own spiritual teachings. His "otherworldliness" was to give men the courage and steadfastness they would need in order to solve the problem of the world in which they lived.

And considerations drawn from the spiritual teachings of the gospel are, even in this materialistic age, so far from being unreal and out of place that they are among the most practical that can be urged upon men. It is safe to say that no man now living will see the settlement of some of the important questions which are now engaging the attention of men. He would be sanguine indeed who should expect to have the relations between labor and capital, between workmen and employer, satisfactorily adjusted in his own time. He would be rightly charged with rashness who should predict that social problems which reach down to the very roots of modern life will be solved within any calculable number of years. It is still true that "art is long and time is fleeting"; that reforms move slowly, while the days of man are swifter than a weaver's shuttle. The schemes of social regeneration which are now rife have, as a rule, no message of hope for any man now living save what may be gleaned from the altruistic assumption that the world will sometime be the better for them. The men of this generation who are so eager for radical social revolutions cannot confidently believe they will ever be citizens of their own Utopia. It is religion, and religion only, that has promises for them as individuals. They need the stimulus of a deep and far-reaching faith that they may the better "learn to labor and to wait." They need to be deeply imbued with the encouraging belief that slow as are the results of their own philanthropic efforts, their love and self-sacrifice will prove a conscious gain to themselves as well as to the human race. It is only the large outlook of the gospel that can take away the sense of defeat which must be awakened at times in every thoughtful mind by the slow progress of reforms, and soothe the disappointments of that hope deferred which is sure to make sick the hearts of thousands who fondly imagine that poverty and drudgery will be banished from the earth in their own time.

Let the minister, then, keep to the terms of his commission, and resist the temptation to make incursions into territory where he has no business. Let him hold up before men as their moral standard the righteousness of God, but let him remind them at the same time of the truths which magnify human nature and make it capable of divine achievement.

Let him not be hurried by his sympathies into advocating reforms against nature, and fomenting popular discontent without being able to offer it the sop of a single practical suggestion. Let him rather understand that his mission is not to mend the social machine but only to oil it, to drop into it without ceasing, certain mollifying spiritual truths which will allay friction and prevent the undue heating of the parts until the

sociological expert shall find out what is the matter with it and superintend the needed repairs.

He will do his own work by teaching men the true meaning of life, by correcting the false perspective that is due to a narrow terrestrial point of view, by directing the eyes of all to the perpetual hills of immortality and righteousness which loom up in the horizon, and to that highest park of all, the mighty truth, "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." It is his duty to deal fairly by all parties in every dispute that he may be called upon to notice, teaching justice though not pronouncing judgment, rebuking selfishness in high or low, preaching righteousness without fear or favor to great and small alike. So may he become a much needed daysman between jarring interests and rival theories. So may he aid in rendering the Christian church what it ought to be, a neutral ground where the Truce of God is ever in operation, where the rich and poor may meet together and remember that the Lord is maker of them all, where the fleeting inequalities of earth may be forgotten in the sense of a common brotherhood.

OUGHT THERE TO BE ANY LIMIT TO THE ADMISSION OF MINISTERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS TO OUR PASTORATES?[1]

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As to the underlying facts assumed in this question, recent reports from 17 States show that 242 of the settled or acting Congregational pastors of those States are from denominations outside our own. Of this number 147 are Methodists, 29 Baptists, 29 Presbyterians, and 37 from other denominations. Or taking these figures from 17 States as fair basis for estimating facts of similar bearing in all the States and Territories, it will appear that of the 3480 settled or acting pastors now over churches of our body, 484, or about one-eighth, are from denominations other than our own, of whom 294 are Methodists, 58 Baptists, 58 Presbyterians, and 74 from other religious orders.

As to the quality of these ministers, it is said that while some, on trial, prove to be unworthy or ill-fitted for their work, the great proportion are earnest and useful, comparing favorably with our regular Congregational pastors who hold positions of similar grade; while not a few from the same source are found in pulpits of our stronger churches and are the peers of our best, for ability and for beneficent influence in the denomination.

It is significant, moreover, that the tendency in question is not wholly individual in its character. It is also to a degree denominational. As for instance, it is well known that the Free Baptist denomination has for

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several years expressed a strong disposition towards our communion, and that the question of the practicability and wisdom of such a union has been more than once discussed at our National Councils, and in other large representative meetings.

Besides another and an altogether unexpected movement in the same direction is now making itself manifest on the part of the denomination of The Disciples, a Christian body whose stronghold is in certain of the Interior and Southern States. Of a single theological class in their largest university, a considerable number are now in correspondence with representatives of the Congregational body with a view to entering its ministry. One of them has already entered our communion, bringing with him his church of 160 members. Inquiries are likewise raised from the same quarter as to the practicability and wisdom of consolidating the educational institutions of the two denominations.

As to the motives which actuate ministers thus seeking connection with the Congregational body, different reasons may be assumed. Some are influenced largely by doctrinal considerations. Among others, no doubt, a leading consideration is that of preference for the free polity of the Congregational order. While with others, the question of pecuniary compensation may have influence; since on the whole (the Presbyterians excepted) it is probable that the average salary of ministers in the Congregational body is greater than that of the other denominations. It is also possible that some worthy ministerial brethren, who have had experience with what is sometimes termed "the itinerancy," may be innocent enough to presume that as connected with the Congregationalists their pastorates would be more permanent. None of these motives are unnatural, nor are they necessarily discreditable to those actuated by them.

Nevertheless, is it well for the Congregational body that ministers of this class be admitted to its pastorates? Yes, if it be true, as is generally reported by the superintendents in the field, that without securing ministerial supply from other denominations, not a few of our churches must go without pastors. It is well on the principle that it is better to save life than to lose it. Besides, it is reasonable to believe that the mingling of ministers from other denominations with our own, is promotive of a broader and truer Christian unity. In proportion as the representatives of different bodies know one another better, their differences are naturally lessened, if not essentially obliterated. This is illustrated to a gratifying extent in this Commonwealth. It may be conceded that we Congregationalists of Massachusetts to-day are a happy family. Nor is it too much to say that Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and all who have come among us, and have served with us, have helped to make us happy; their distinctive differences of doctrine or polity, in no sense interfering with the existence between all of genuine unity of spirit.

But, what with respect to the *organic* unity so often spoken of, and so devoutly hoped for by some? Is this also to come to pass on the principle in question? A living incident may be cited as bearing upon the answer to this.

A meeting of some twenty ministers was called in Eastern Massachusetts within the last few months to consider some practical measures for promoting unity of Christians. The brethren were summoned by one whose standing in his own denomination, and whose high merits as accorded by all the others, entitled him to issue such an invitation. It was his own conviction that the time had come when an attempt to secure union in form as well as spirit could be made with propriety, and perhaps with some ground to hope for success.

It was a body of men of high character, as well for ability and learning, as for piety; men of confessedly broad views in respect of all vital religious questions. Yet at their initial meeting, after a full expression of opinion by each one present, it appeared that while all strongly believed in and urged unity of spirit, not one for a moment could believe that *denominational* unity in any strict sense was practicable. On the contrary the opinion was unanimous that such unity even if practicable was of doubtful wisdom; for it was believed that, as united in heart and purpose, touching the one essential work to which Christ calls his ministers and churches, such work would be more likely to be done well if attempted by each through the agency of its respective denomination, rather than independently of it.

It can hardly be presumed that a body of twenty ministers in any other part of our country, met to consider the same question, would not have arrived at essentially the same conclusion. So that we Congregationalists may safely take it for granted that to do the most efficient service for the Master, we must attempt to do it through our own ecclesiastical agency — do it as *the Congregational denomination*.

The idea that the word denomination in its traditional sense stands for something of narrow rather than broad import is justified upon no reasonable grounds. The first apostles of our Lord, with their attendant three thousand converts, were in fact a denomination — a Congregational denomination, and that in a most strict and true sense. Moreover it was, under this as a working polity, that the primitive church multiplied itself in all directions, beyond Jerusalem and Judea, and far towards the ends of the then known earth. Nor did this principle and polity — that of denominational Congregationalism — wholly fail of practical recognition in the churches, even through the long Dark Ages of imperial and papal persecution. In catacomb, in far off valley and mountain hiding place, it lived and was nobly illustrated in the quenchless faith and holy lives of a scattered few of God's faithful ones. Such illustration took place indeed chiefly in secret during this long and dreary period. Nevertheless, it failed not to be under the eye of an ever-watchful Providence, and when the fullness of time at length came the things thus hidden were made manifest. The persecuted churches openly and before all men reasserted in living exercise the faith and polity which characterized their beginnings. Of the numerous and memorable exemplifications of this, I may be pardoned by this Massachusetts Association if I mention here especially that furnished by the Separatists of Scrooby. These early constituted themselves

an *order* of Christian men and women — a Congregational order for the worship and service of God. In subsequent years when the Christians of Scrooby became representatively the church of Plymouth across the Atlantic, their government, under the New Testament, was still of their own instituting: a government of themselves and by themselves. The same was true of other churches in the Colonies as they came into being. They were self-governing churches, and at the same time churches earnestly interested in one another, and ever ready, so far as needed, to advise and help one another.

This, brethren, as you know, our denomination has been wont to mention with a kind of pride, pointing to the same as the secret of our historic growth and success. The churches of New England have realized their marked development and exercised their marked influence upon American civilization through the faithful observance of the two great cardinal principles thus illustrated, viz.: the right of self-government in the local church, and the duty and privilege of fellowship as between such churches. Moreover, through the faithful observance of these two cardinal principles the same marked development and moulding influence were afterwards realized beyond New England, and to the utmost bounds of our great country.

Nor surely is this polity of the past less emphatically avowed as ours in the present, or pledged as ours for the future. Any imputation to the contrary who would not disclaim? Nevertheless are not we of the Congregational body to-day in great danger of being Congregationalists rather in name or in theory than in actual and efficient practice?

Along with the element of freedom do we equally incline to advocate also that of fellowship, and to emphasize the importance of the latter equally with that of the former? In the practical sense, not to emphasize fellowship duly may be to reduce self-government to blank independency; and independency pure and simple may prove itself but another name for selfishness, so far as relates to any effective service which one local church renders to another in the way of rebuilding the old, and pushing forward the new, in all forms demanded by the highest interests of Christ's cause. Therefore, brethren, should not our voice, now and ever, be for a Congregationalism that *exalts fellowship* as well as self-government in its working polity? Ought there not to be in us a kind of *Congregational consciousness* filling and swaying us as it were with the idea that as churches we are not individual alone, but collective as well; and that supreme duty calls us as churches to move unitedly as well as singly, and in such form and order as will best dispose, direct, strengthen, and make effective the efforts of each and all in the service of Christ and His church?

The field for such a movement is surely open and wide. It is open and wide in Massachusetts, and in her Puritan Capital. In the inevitable changes attendant upon the growth of a great city, many old foundations are sure to be removed. This must pertain not to places of business alone, but to churches as well, as is strikingly illustrated in the Boston of to-day.

Old families are passing away, and their places, if taken at all, are taken for the most part by those who represent less wealth and less general ability to sustain with vigor the various departments of religious work.

Several of the churches of the city are brought to this condition which have long had high prominence in the history of the denomination. Yet despite the changes which have happened to these churches, it is the prevailing opinion that their vigorous maintenance is requisite to supply adequately the religious needs of the great populations which still respectively surround them. What then is the meaning of fellowship as respects the Congregationalism of Boston? Is it not that its more able and wealthy Congregational churches give of their earnest thought, their prayers and their means toward helping those of the same order which are not quite able of themselves to meet most effectively the pressing needs of their respective districts?

But if such be the requisition upon our Congregational fellowship, in the field where Congregationalism found its original source and home, then presumably the demand is not less imperative in newer and what has been generally supposed to be less favored portions of our country.

In many parts of the South, particularly in Louisiana, Texas, and Georgia, a strong and wide-spread tendency towards Congregationalism is manifested among members of the older non-Congregational bodies. In Texas, for example, I was told by a resident of that State that the tendency referred to is broader and deeper than the brethren of New England can easily believe; and he expressed the strong hope that the field thus white for the harvest would soon be entered by reapers from the Northern Congregationalists.

Equally pronounced is the inclination towards Congregationalism from the great numbers in our country who represent the Lutheran form of church government. The Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, and Danes, constituting a large and rapidly increasing portion of the population of our vast Northwest, show marked preference for the Congregational polity. Churches of our order are multiplying among them, and they look towards us for a helping hand. Such appeals should not be put forth in vain. Both on the ground of love for Christ and of belief in Congregationalism, we should respond to them.

We need to have a little more, or a good deal more, of the feeling that we are not ashamed to stand for our order as a *denomination*, and to plan and work, and give for it as such.

A citizen of Baltimore, a Congregationalist born and bred, and a man of wealth, died within recent years leaving important legacies to different benevolent organizations of our body. The will was peculiar, in that the conditions on which certain of the bequests were made, called for such changes in the chartered names of the societies as would make them avowedly Congregational. The one name among these which already included the word "Congregational" represented the society which was the most generously remembered. To certain others money was be-

queathed on the express condition that their names be changed; while in the case of another it was stated that the specified sum given would have been much greater had the name of said society included the word "Congregational."

The reason for this is readily given by those who knew the testator while living. He was a Congregationalist not in name merely, but in fact; and he always felt bound to show the same in deeds as well as professions. This especially appeared in his scrupulous regard for the principle that gifts for Congregational causes should go through the authorized channels of the denomination. Only so did it seem to him that the specific objects of the six Congregational societies could have steady and sure support. While, therefore, it is to be confessed that this esteemed father in the church betrayed his peculiar individuality, as to form and manner of denominational loyalty, ought not at least the spirit of his example to be generally observed in our body? The simple asking of this question is its sufficient answer, in the opinion of those who represent that for which true Congregationalism stands.

And now as to the substance of the main question. Will the continued incoming to our Communion of ministers from other denominations tend to the greater strength and efficiency of this body in the matter of forwarding its above outlined polity and aims? If so, then let us open our doors more widely to these ministers. But if not (a result which in the nature of things is to be presumed), then let the greatest care be taken that the doors be not too widely opened. But how shall such care become effective to the end desired? Only by giving due and prayerful attendance to the raising up from our own denomination of ministers, adequate both in numbers and quality, to the pressing needs of the times.

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Charles S. Haynes, Lancaster, *i.*, April 21, 1896.
George W. C. Hill, First ch., New Bedford, *o. p.*, Sept. 11, 1895.
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James P. King, Andover, *o.*, June 8, 1896.
Edward A. Lathrop, Shrewsbury, *o.*, Nov. 26, 1895.
Alexander Lewis, Pilgrim ch., Worcester, *i.*, Feb. 6, 1896.
John B. Lewis, Reading, *o.*, Sept. 25, 1895.
Robert H. Life, Northampton, *o.*, Oct. 25, 1895.
Joseph L. Loisille, French ch., Marlboro, *o.*, Sept. 10, 1895.
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Henry B. Mason, No. Wilbraham, *i.*, March 11, 1896.
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James Alexander, Tewksbury, May 6, 1896.
John R. Armstrong, Second Swedish ch., Worcester, July 2, 1896
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Nehemiah Boynton, Union ch., Boston, May 12, 1896.
Charles S. Brooks, Rollstone ch., Fitchburg, March 1, 1896.
Judson V. Clancy, Union ch., So. Weymouth, Dec. 1, 1895.
Charles F. H. Crathern, First ch., Charlestown, Nov. 13, 1895.
Allen E. Cross, Cliftondale, May 5, 1896.
F. Lincoln Davis, Ward Hill ch., Bradford, April 29, 1896.
Almon J. Dyer, First ch., No. Brookfield, April 21, 1896.
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Vernon C. Harrington, Belchertown, May 5, 1896.
Lewis W. Hicks, First ch., Wellesley, May 26, 1896.
Stephen T. Livingston, So. Egremont, Oct. 25, 1895.
Charles Olmstead, Pilgrim ch., Cambridgeport, March 24, 1896.
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Edmund K. Alden, *w. c.* Boston, April 30, 1896.
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Josiah B. Clark, *w. c.*, W. Dedham, March 3, 1896.
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William S. Coggin, *w. c.*, Boxford, Sept. 10, 1895.
Alfred Emerson, *w. c.*, Dorchester, Feb. 7, 1896.
William A. Keese, *p.*, Lunenburg, Sept. 1, 1895.
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Ezekiel Russell, *w. c.*, Lynn, Feb. 26, 1896.
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Judson G. Spencer, *p.*, Charlton, March 26, 1896.
Amory H. Tyler, *w. c.*, Roslindale, May 13, 1896.
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This Board had its origin in action taken by the General Association of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts in 1868, and was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1869.

Caleb H. Warner, 48 Brewster Street, Cambridge, is now its president; Arthur G. Stanwood, Esq., 701 Sears Building, Boston, is treasurer, to whom all contributions should be sent.

Rev. Edward B. Palmer, Rev. Morton Dexter, and Rev. Charles B. Rice are the executive committee.

Applications for aid should be sent to Rev. Edward B. Palmer, at Room 9, Congregational House. A small contribution is greatly needed annually from each church. Donations are also solicited from individuals. Should any one desire to leave a legacy in aid of the benevolent work of this Board, the following form of bequest will be sufficient: —

I give and devise to the Board of Ministerial Aid, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, for the charitable uses and purposes of said Corporation, ...

No officer of this Board receives any compensation for his services. No other board, society, or organization in this Commonwealth contributes anything for the support of needy Congregational ministers. Our country gives large pensions to her needy soldiers. Why should not our churches give something for "the aid, support, and comfort of their aged, disabled, superannuated, or needy ministers," and of "the widows and children of such ministers"?

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THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1897.

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,

WORCESTER, MAY 18–20,

WITH THE STATISTICS.

BOSTON:
CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1897.

Provisional committee. — Revs. G. Glenn Atkins and Charles H. Watson; Levi J. Gunn and F. A. Rugg, all of Greenfield; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston.

Publishing committee. — Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Wm. A. Paine, of Boston; Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Newton; Rev. Ellis Mendell, of Jamaica Plain.

Auditing committee. — H. N. Ackerman, of West Medford; Thomas Todd, of Concord; Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, of Boston.

On Sunday observance. — Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Newton; Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, of Springfield; Rev. Albert H. Plumb, of Boston; Henry M. Moore, of Somerville; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline.

On gambling. — Arthur H. Wellman, of Malden; Gorman D. Gilman, of Newton; S. T. Field, of Shelburn Falls; Rev. Chas. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. Chas. M. Southgate, of Auburndale; W. H. Emerson, of Cambridge; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Centre; S. Homer Woodbridge, of Boston.

On temperance. — Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River; Rev. Perley B. Davis, of Dorchester; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield; Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, of Dorchester; Rev. Willis A. Hadley, of Lynn; Rev. Chas. L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain.

On labor organizations. — James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of Chelsea; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline; Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock, of Newburyport; Rev. William H. Allbright, of Dorchester; Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Jesse H. Jones, of North Abington; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; John H. Colby, of Boston.

On the wider circulation of religious literature. — Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield; Rev. William E. Barton, of Boston; Rev. Ellis Mendell, of Jamaica Plain.

Members of Executive Committee of Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. — Rev. Geo. H. Johnson, of Lowell; Thomas Todd, of Concord.

On the nomination of candidates for the corporate membership of the American Board. — Rev. Elijah Horr, of Brookline; Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Newton; Rev. Henry E. Barnes, of North Andover; Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers; G. Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester.

On consolidation of missionary publications. — Rev. Edward C. Ewing, of Danvers; Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. E. Ellsworth Strong, of Auburndale; Rev. John E. Tuttle, of Worcester; William F. Whittemore, of Boston.

On proposed amendment to Rule XV. — Rev. Warren P. Landers, of Middleton; Rev. Charles H. Beale, of Boston; Rev. Merle A. Breed, of Westboro; Rev. William E. Barton, of Boston; Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of Chelsea.

COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

Chairmen of Committees of Local Conferences. — Andover, Rev. E. W. Pride; Barnstable, Rev. Wm. C. Detling; Berkshire North, Rev. Alford B. Penniman; Berkshire South, Rev. Walter W. Curtis; Brookfield, Rev. Benson M. Frink; Essex North, Rev. John N. Lowell; Essex South, Rev. T. Frank Waters; Franklin, Rev. Edward P. Butler; Hampden, Rev. Henry C. Messerve; Hampshire, Rev. Robert M. Woods; Hampshire East, Rev. George E. Fisher; Mendon, Rev. Rufus K. Harlow; Middlesex South, Rev. Geo. A. Brock; Middlesex Union, Rev. George A. Tewksbury; Norfolk, Rev. Robert R. Kendall; Old Colony, Rev. William Carruthers; Pilgrim, Rev. Oscar F. Davis; Suffolk North, Rev. Albert Watson; Suffolk South, Rev. Wm. H. Bolster; Suffolk West, Rev. Charles E. Havens; Taunton, Rev. Elwin L. House; Woburn, Rev. Isaac Pearson; Worcester Central, Rev. Thomas E. Babb; Worcester North, Rev. Davis Foster; Worcester South, Rev. John R. Thurston.

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Members at large until 1898. — Revs. Smith Baker, Charles H. Beale, Albert W. Moore, Alpheus C. Hodges; Russell L. Snow, Charles A. Denny.
Until 1899. — Revs. A. W. Archibald, S. G. Barnes, John D. Kingsbury, and Geo. R. Hewett; Preston B. Keith, Brockton, and W. G. Harding, Pittsfield.
Until 1900. — Rev. Joshua Coit, Rev. George W. Winch, Rev. Harry L. Brickett, Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Rev. T. Clayton Welles, Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, Thomas Weston, William Woodward, E. F. Morris.
Members ex officio. — Revs. Henry A. Hazen and Francis J. Marsh.

Meeting of 1898. — Greenfield, Tuesday, May 17.

Expenses. — The treasurers of the conferences are requested to ask the churches to contribute, at the autumnal meetings, a sum equivalent to three and one half cents for each member, based upon the total membership of Jan. 1, 1897, and to forward the amount to William A Paine, 52 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass. These amounts are needed promptly, and it is specially requested that all dues be paid before Jan. 1, 1898. The number of members in each church will be found in the statistics of the churches in this pamphlet.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

(Elected for Three Years Each.)

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, *secretary.*
From 1888. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Neponset, *assistant secretary.*
From 1895. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston, *registrar.*
From 1889. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. James W. Flagg, Foxboro, *assistant registrar.*
Elected 1897.

William A. Paine, Boston, *treasurer.*
Chosen 1891. Re-elected 1897.

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A. L. Joslin	*Oxford.*	1900
Rev. Edward M. Noyes	*Newton Centre.*	1899
Rev. Edward A. Reed	*Holyoke.*	1900
Rev. Lyman S. Rowland	*Lee.*	1898
Rev. William E. Wolcott	*Lawrence.*	1898

Rev. Charles B. Rice, *secretary,*

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RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. — This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT. — Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches ; promote spirituality, and to co-operate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS. — This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS. — Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS. — Each evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association its pastor and one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS. — 1. A secretary, an assistant secretary, a registrar, an assistant registrar, and a treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible. In case any of these offices become vacant between the annual meetings of the Association, the vacancy may be filled until the next following meeting by vote of the remaining officers.

2. A moderator shall be chosen by ballot from the members at each annual session who shall serve until his successor is chosen at the opening of the next annual session.

3. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of ministers and churches, and have charge

of the printing thereof ; distribute the publications of the Association and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association. He shall give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each session.

5. The treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Association. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. Annual Meeting. — The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of May, at two P. M. (or at some other more convenient hour), at such place as shall have been duly designated.

VIII. Home Missionary Society. — The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that society.

The two persons thus nominated shall be from the membership of the Association at the time, and shall not be eligible for nomination for more than two years in succession, and shall, if required, make report concerning the work of the society at the next meeting of the Association.

IX. Correspondence. — Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

X. Organization. — The moderator, or in his absence, the pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a moderator and the session shall be opened with prayer.

XI. Committees. — The following committees shall be chosen: —

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, which shall be appointed by the moderator immediately after the opening of the session, to which all certificates of membership shall be referred.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following and any other committees referred to them, except as hereinafter provided.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements for the session consisting of five, of whom two shall be from members of the Provisional Committee, to prepare the business of the session, and no business shall be introduced

but through the hands or with the approval of the committee; but if said committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Provisional Committee of five, of whom the secretary or registrar shall be one, to prepare the schedule for the next annual meeting, to select a preacher for the Associational sermon, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(5.) A Committee of Publication to consist of the secretary, registrar, treasurer, and two other persons to be appointed at the session, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association.

(6.) A Committee on the Work of the Churches, which shall make report to this body at the next annual session upon the work of the churches and state of religion. This Committee shall consist of the chairmen of the corresponding committees of local Conferences, the secretary, the registrar, and twenty-one members at large, — to be so classified that seven shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

(7.) A Committee to Audit the Accounts for the next annual meeting, which shall report the state of the treasury and the sum, in its opinion, necessary to be asked from the churches for the next ensuing year.

XII. Exercises. — The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of home evangelization, addresses, and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIII. Special Orders. — 1. At the opening of the session, on the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday, the moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the sessions of each day shall be closed with prayer or hymn.

2. The Associational sermon and Lord's Supper shall be assigned to Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association, or a part thereof, shall be given to the Mass. Home Missionary Society.

XIV. Place of Meeting. — Previous to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify the place of meeting for the next year; and the church of the place of meeting selected is requested to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the course of the service. The Lord's Supper shall be administered generally without remarks.

XV. Rules of Order. — The rules of order shall be those found in common parliamentary practice, subject, however, to the following specifications : —

1. The report of the Committee on the Work of the Churches may occupy thirty minutes in reading, but the reports of special committees shall be limited to ten minutes each.

2. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.

3. When a question is under debate, the moderator shall entertain motions only as follows, viz.: to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

XVI. Amendments. — 1. Any of the above rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of the action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposals in writing at the annual meeting next prior to that of action, and after notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences, and Churches, and by a two-thirds vote.

MINUTES.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts met for its ninety-fifth annual session with the Plymouth church, Worcester, Tuesday, May 18, 1897.

Organization. — At 3.30 p. m. the Association was called to order by Rev. Henry A. Hazen, secretary. The ballot for moderator resulted in the choice of Thomas Todd, of Concord.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. P. Perkins, of Worcester. The following were appointed tellers for the sessions of the Association : —

Rev. William J. Batt, of Concord; Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield; James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Rev. Bartlett H. Weston, of Dunstable.

ROLL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Abington,	Rev. Wilson S. Fritch, J. T. Richmond.
Amesbury, Union,	E. A. Goodwin.
Amherst, 1st,	Rev. Olivor Huckel, Charles L. Nims.
" College,	Pres. Merrill E. Gates.
" South,	Rev. John F. Gleason, Dea. Thomas Read.
Andover, South,	Rev. Frank R. Shipman, Rev. Geo. R. Dickinson.
Ashburnham, 1st,	Rev. Nathan T. Dyer.
Attleboro',	Rev. Elwin L. House, A. B. Carpenter.
Auburn,	Rev. Charles M. Pierce, Thomas S. Eaton.
Ayer,	Rev. Horace F. Hallett.
Baldwinville,	J. W. Addison.
Barre,	Rev. Joseph F. Gaylord.
Bedford,	Rev. Edwin Smith.
Belchertown,	E. H. Sanford.
Berlin,	Rev. Henry F. Markham, Clara L. Shattuck.
Beverly, Dane St.,	Rev. Francis J. Van Horn.
" Washington St.,	Rev. Wm. A. Bacon.
Blackstone,	Rev. Frank G. Alger.
Boston, Old South,	Rev. George H. Flint, J. M'E. Drake.
" 2d, Dorchester,	Rev. Arthur Little.
" Berkeley Temple,	Hamilton S. Conant.
" Eliot, Roxbury,	Rev. Benjamin F. Hamilton, Dea. Alpine McLean.
" W. Roxbury,	Rev. Frank W. Merrick, Hamilton I. Smith.
" Shawmut,	Rev. William E. Barton.
" Jamaica Plain,	Rev. Charles L. Morgan, Rev. A. E. Dunning.
" Immanuel, Rox.,	Rev. Charles H. Beale.
" Neponset,	Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Harvey N. Raymond.
" Walnut Ave., Rox.,	Rev. Albert H. Plumb, Wm. L. Greene.
" Harvard, Dor.,	Rev. William H. Bolster.
" Central, Dor.,	Rev. Perley B. Davis.
Boxboro, West Acton,	Rev. Albert B. Peabody, Dea. M. E. Wood.
Boylston,	Rev. D. Emery Burtner, Mrs. H. A. Walker.
Braintree, First,	Mrs. J. H. Dearing.
Bridgewater,	Rev. Elbert S. Porter, W. D. Jackson.
Brockton, First,	Rev. Alan Hudson, Chas. D. Brigham.

Brockton, Campello,	Rev. Wm. T. Beale, Chas. F. Clarke.
Brookfield,	Rev. E. B. Blanchard.
Brookline, Harvard,	Rev. Reuen Thomas.
" Leyden,	Rev. Harris G. Hale, E. B. Floyd.
Cambridge, First,	Geo. E. Mackintire.
" North Ave.,	M. L. Walton.
Charlton,	Rev. Geo. O. Jenness.
Chelmsford, North,	Rev. S. Ingersoll Briant, Mrs. S. I. Briant.
Chelsea, First,	Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Henry H. Stickney.
" Central,	Rev. Chas. E. Jefferson, Leonard A. Treat.
" Third,	Rev. Samuel M. Cathcart.
Clinton,	Rev. Wm. W. Jordan, T. G. Mayberry.
Concord,	Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, Dea. Thomas Todd.
Conway,	Dea. Field.
Dalton,	Rev. George W. Andrews.
Danvers, Maple St.,	Rev. Edward C. Ewing.
Dedham, Islington,	Rev. Warren F. Bickford, Garretson Pettigrew.
Douglas, East,	Rev. William G. Briggs.
Dunstable,	Rev. Bartlett H. Weston, Dexter Butterfield.
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Fairhaven,	Mrs. Chas. C. Woodman.
Fall River, Fowler,	Rev. Payson W. Lyman.
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	Rev. George R. Hewitt.
" Rollstone,	Rev. William O. Conrad.
Foxboro,	Rev. James W. Flagg, Rev. George F. Wright.
Gill,	Miss Bella W. Hume (acting pastor).
Gloucester, Trinity,	Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard.
Grafton,	Rev. Benjamin A. Robie.
" Saundersville,	Rev. David Howie.
Granby,	Rev. Robert C. Bell.
Greenwich,	Rev. Laurence Perry.
Groton,	Rev. L. B. Voorhees.
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" North,	Rev. George H. Reed.
" Union,	Rev. George Benedict.
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Holden,	Rev. Thomas E. Babb, William H. Drury.
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Kingston,	Rev. Zenas Crowell.
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Lee,	Rev. Lyman L. Rowland.
Leicester,	Rev. David C. Reid, Chas. A. Denny.
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Leominster,	Rev. George R. W. Scott.
" North,	Rev. James M. Bell.
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" North,	Rev. Willis A. Hadley, Mrs. W. A. Hadley.
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" Maplewood,	Perkins G. Williams.
Marblehead,	Rev. S. Linton Bell, N. P. Sanborn.
Marion,	Rev. Harry LeRoy Brickett, D. M. Dustan.
Medford, Mystic,	Rev. John Barstow.
" West,	Rev. Judson V. Clancy, Charles E. Gleason.
" Union,	Rev. Isaac Pierson.

Melrose, Highlands,	Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, Fred A. Houdlette.
Merrimac,	Rev. Geo. L. Todd, Mrs. G. L. Todd.
Middleboro, Central,	Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge.
Middleton,	Rev. Warren P. Landers.
Milford,	Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, A. A. Westcott.
Millbury,	Rev. Geo. A. Putnam, Charles H. Searles.
" 2d,	Rev. G. P. Eastman, A. Armsby.
Milton,	Dea. Wm. H. Balkam.
Monson,	Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, E. F. Morris.
New Braintree,	George K. Tufts.
Newburyport, Belleville,	Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock.
" Whitefield,	Rev. Chas. S. Brooks.
Newton Centre,	Rev. Edward McA. Noyes.
" 2d, West,	Rev. Henry J. Patrick.
" Eliot,	Rev. Wm. H. Davis, Henry E. Cobb.
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" Newtonville,	Rev. John M. Dutton.
North Andover,	Rev. Henry E. Barnes.
Northboro,	Rev. Albert D. Smith.
Northbridge, Whitinsville,	Rev. John R. Thurston.
North Brookfield, 1st,	Rev. John L. Sewell, Mrs. J. E. Porter.
Oxford,	Rev. Albert E. Bradstreet.
Palmer, 2d,	J. B. Shaw.
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Phillipston,	Dea. G. H. Miller.
Pittsfield, 1st,	Rev. Wm. V. W. Davis, Dea. Harvey W. Partridge.
" South,	Rev. Isaac C. Smart.
Plymouth, Pilgrimage,	Rev. Ernest W. Shurtleff.
" Chiltonville,	Rev. Oscar F. Davis.
Princeton,	J. D. Gregory.
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Royalston,	Rev. Francis J. Fairbanks, Frank W. Adams.
Salem Tabernacle,	Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, Jos. H. Towne.
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Sandwich,	Rev. Wm. H. Woodwell.
Sherborne,	Mrs. L. Coolidge.
Somerville, Winter Hill,	Rev. Chas. L. Noyes, Thomas A. Wentworth.
Southboro,	Rev. Martin F. Mevis, Mrs. M. F. Mevis.
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South Hadley,	Calvin Preston.
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Sterling,	Rev. Geo. H. Pratt.
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Sturbridge,	H. D. Haynes.
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Templeton,	Rev. Gabriel B. Kambour, A. H. Merriam.
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Wenham,	Rev. Arthur N. Ward.
Westboro,	Rev. Merle A. Breed, H. A. Harrington.
Westminster,	Rev. John W. Lees, Edward Damon.

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" Central,	Rev. Daniel Merriman, Rev. Edward M. Chapman.
" Union,	Rev. John E. Tuttle, Abiel E. Wilson.
" Summer St.,	Rev. Orange C. Bailey, E. L. Smith.
" Plymouth,	Rev. Archibald McCullagh, Jonas White.
" Piedmont,	Rev. Elijah Horr, Walter B. Abbott.
" Swedish, First,	Rev. August L. Anderson.
" Pilgrim,	Rev. Alexander Lewis, Arthur E. Gray.
" Park,	Rev. Inman Willcox, Chas. M. Smith.
" Covenant,	Rev. John E. Hurlbut, Dea. B. F. Scribner.
" Hope,	Rev. Ellsworth W. Phillips, John R. Howe.
" Lakeview,	Rev. John H. Matthews.
" Belmont,	Rev. Wm. Brewster Oleson, Milton J. Doe.
" Bethany,	Rev. Albert G. Todd.
" Armenian,	Rev. H. G. Benneyan.
" Immanuel,	Rev. Geo. S. Dodge.

DELEGATES FROM THE CONFERENCES.

Brookfield,	S. A. Spooner, Ware.
Essex, South,	Samuel L. Sawyer, Danvers.
Mendon,	Rev. Edwin S. Tingley.
Middlesex, South,	Rev. Prescott Fay.
" Union,	Rev. Wm. O. Conrad.
Norfolk,	Dr. J. H. Dearing, Braintree.
Old Colony,	Isaac C. Sherman, New Bedford.
Pilgrim,	Rev. John Wild.
Suffolk, South,	Rev. Wm. H. Bolster.
" West,	A. L. Harwood, Newton Centre.
Woburn,	Chester W. Clark, Wilmington.
Worcester, South,	Appleton F. Williams, West Upton.

DELEGATES FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Brookfield,	Rev. S. D. Gammell.
Cape Cod,	Rev. Albert Donnell.
Hampshire,	Rev. W. D. Herrick.
Mendon,	Rev. Ephraim O. Jameson.
Middlesex, South,	Rev. Francis N. Peloubet.
" Union,	Rev. Albert B. Peabody.
Old Colony,	Rev. Charles F. Hersey.
Suffolk, North,	Rev. Chas. L. Noyes, Somerville.
" West,	Rev. Chas. H. Daniels, Newton.
Woburn,	Rev. Wm. J. Batt.
Worcester, Central,	Rev. Ariel E. P. Perkins.
" North,	Rev. Gabriel B. Kambour.

MEMBERS, EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, secretary.
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, assistant secretary.
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, registrar.
Rev. James W. Flagg, assistant registrar.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. O. P. Allen, Auburndale, Mass.
Rev. Ezra H. Byington, Newton.
Rev. David M. Didricksen, Worcester.
Rev. James L. Hill, Salem.
Rev. Eldredge Mix, Worcester.
Rev. W. H. Stewart, East Jaffrey, N. H.
Rev. N. H. Whittlesey, New Haven, Conn.

A letter was read from Rev. Albert G. Bale, resigning the office of registrar. On motion of Rev. William J. Batt, of Concord, it was

Voted, That a fitting response to this communication be prepared and sent to Rev. Mr. Bale in recognition of his faithful and efficient service as registrar.

A memorial from the Middlesex Union Association was presented and referred to the committee on nominations.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Dorchester, was chosen assistant secretary *pro tem.*

The following were elected a committee on credentials : —

Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River; Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson; Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord; Henry E. Cobb, of Newton.

An address of welcome was given by Rev. Archibald McCullagh, pastor of Plymouth church, with a response by the moderator.

The report of the secretary, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale, was presented and accepted.[1]

The report of the treasurer, William A. Paine, of Boston, was presented with auditors' certificate, and accepted.[2]

The following recommendation of the auditors was adopted : —

We recommend as the assessment for the year 1897 the sum of three and one half cents for each church member.

The following were elected the committee on nominations : —

Rev. Ephraim O. Jameson, of Boston; Rev. Lyman S. Rowland, of Lee; Charles A. Denny, of Leicester; Dana M. Dustan, of Marion; Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard, of Gloucester.

The report of the committee on temperance was presented by Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River, and accepted.[3]

On motion of Rev. William J. Batt, of Concord, it was

Voted, That this report be referred to a special committee who shall consider and report whether any further action is expedient in accepting it.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Philip S. Moxom, of Springfield, and the Association took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

Evening Session.

At the hour appointed, the Association re-assembled. Prayer was offered by Rev. Bartlett H. Weston, of Dunstable.

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The following were elected the committee of arrangements: —

Rev. Archibald McCullagh, of Worcester; G. Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester; Rev. George W. Andrews, of Dalton; James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; E. L. Kirkland, of Holyoke.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. G. R. W. Scott, of Leominster, and Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville. The sermon was preached by Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of Chelsea, from the text John xiii. 34, 35.

The observance of the Lord's Supper followed, Rev. John Barstow, of Medford, and Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord, officiating.

A statement regarding the needs of the Board of Ministerial Aid was given by Rev. A. E. P. Perkins, of Worcester, and the annual offering was made. This offering amounted to $82.05.

After prayer and benediction by Rev. Henry E. Barnes, of North Andover, the Association took a recess, to meet at nine o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY.

Morning Session.

At nine o'clock a devotional service was led by Rev. Isaac C. Smart, of Pittsfield. At half past nine o'clock, with the moderator in the chair, the Association was opened with prayer by Rev. Henry J. Patrick, of Newtonville.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Invitations for the next meeting of the Association were presented from the churches of Greenfield, Plymouth, and Brockton. It was

Voted, That the invitation from Greenfield be accepted.

The following officers of the Association were then elected by ballot: —

Secretary, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale.
Assistant Secretary, Rev. Eugene C. Webster, of Dorchester.
Registrar, Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston.
Assistant Registrar, Rev. James W. Flagg, of Foxboro.
Treasurer, William A. Paine, of Boston.
Directors on the Board of Pastoral Supply.— Charles J. Holmes, of Fall River; A. L. Joslin, of Oxford; Rev. Edward A. Reed, of Holyoke; H. N. Ackerman, of West Medford.

The following committees were then chosen : —

On the work of the churches until 1900.— Rev. Joshua Coit, of Winchester; Rev. George W. Winch, of Holyoke; Rev. Harry L. Brickett, of Marion; Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord; Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton; Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson; Thomas Weston, of Newton; William Woodward, of Worcester; E. F. Morris, of Monson.

Auditing committee. — H. N. Ackerman, of West Medford; Thomas Todd, of Concord; Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, of Boston.

Committee on the nomination of nominees for the corporate members of the American Board.— Rev. Elijah Horr, of Newton; Rev. Charles H. Daniels, of Newton; Rev. Henry E. Barnes, of North Andover; Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers; George Henry Whitcomb, of Worcester.

Committee on publication.— Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; William A. Paine, of Boston; Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Newton; Rev. Ellis Mendell, of Jamaica Plain.

Special committee on the report on temperance.— Rev. William J. Batt, of Concord; Arthur E. Gray, of Worcester; J. B. Shaw, of Palmer.

Nominees for membership on the executive committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.— Rev. George H. Johnson, of Lowell; Thomas Todd, of Concord.

The committee on nominations reported upon the memorial from the Middlesex Union Association as follows : —

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from the Middlesex Union Association desire to say that they are satisfied that it requires experience as well as special ability in these offices, and therefore see no sufficient reason for any change in the rules.

This report was accepted and adopted.

The following were elected provisional committee : —

Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, Greenfield; Rev. Charles H. Watson, Greenfield; Levi J. Gunn, Greenfield; F. A. Rugg, Greenfield; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston.

The report of the committee on gambling was presented by Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale.[1]

It was

Voted, That the committee on gambling be continued for another year.

On motion of Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River, it was

Voted, That a committee on temperance be appointed for the ensuing year.

And the committee of this year was continued.

The business committee presented the following resolution, sent up to the Association by the Suffolk South Conference : —

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Whereas, The unwisdom of the present date of the Week of Prayer for our American churches grows more apparent from year to year by reason of the generally unfavorable weather, the peculiar demands of the opening year on men of business, and its late occurrence in the active year of church work; therefore,

Resolved, That the Suffolk South Conference commend to the General Association at its next meeting, action favorable to a change of date from the present observance in January to the week beginning with the first Lord's Day in November, together with the appointment of a committee to present such action at the next National Council, and ask its commendation to our churches.

It was

Voted, That this resolution be referred to a special committee.

A communication was presented from the American Anti-Saloon League respecting the coming convention of the League and asking for a delegate representation from this Association.

It was

Voted, To defer action upon this until a later session.

The report on the Work of the Churches was then presented by Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton.[1] This report was accepted and was followed by addresses: —

(1) "The Relation of the Pulpit to the Spiritual Life of the Church," by Rev. William H. Davis, of Newton.

(2) "The Relation of the Prayer Meeting to the Spiritual Life of the Church," by Rev. William W. Jordan, of Clinton.

(3) "The Relation of the Sunday School and Y. P. S. C. E. to the Spiritual Life of the Church," by Rev. James L. Hill, of Salem.

The report of the Board of Pastoral Supply was presented by Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, and was accepted.[2]

The following were elected the special committee upon the memorial from the Suffolk South Conference: —

Rev. Davis Foster, of Winchendon; Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. George H. Flint, of Boston.

On motion of Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale, it was

Voted, That the Committee to make nominations for the corporate membership of the American Board be continued for one year, and make the nominations for next year; also

Voted, That the amendments to the rules of the Association proposed last year by Rev. George E. Lovejoy be adopted.

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After prayer by Rev. Henry E. Barnes, of North Andover, the Association took a recess to meet this afternoon at the close of the meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

Afternoon Session.

The Association re-assembled at 4.15 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. Arthur Little, of Dorchester.

Rev. Albert E. Dunning, of Boston, spoke upon the work of the Interdenominational Sunday School Association.

It was

Voted, That the recommendation of the committee of arrangements for delegates to the Anti-Saloon League Convention be adopted, and the following were chosen as delegates: —

Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield; Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, of Palmer; Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River; Augustus R. Smith, of Lee; Samuel A. Pratt, of Worcester.

Alternates. — Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Willis A. Hadley, of Lynn; Rev. David C. Reed, of Leicester, Herman M. Walen, of Gloucester; George E. Copeland, of Worcester.

On motion of Rev. Almon J. Dyer, of Ware, it was

Voted, That the amendment to Article V. of the Rules of the Association, proposed last year by Rev. William W. Jubb, of Fall River, be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Chair.

The following were appointed: —

Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Arthur Little, of Dorchester; Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson.

The committee on home evangelism presented a communication from Rev. Charles L. Morgan, chairman, saying that, in view of the fact that the field of its survey is so fully covered by the committee on the work of the churches and has been so completely traversed by the report of that committee, it presents to the Association no additional report.

The following resolution presented by Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale, was adopted: —

Resolved, That this General Association, repeating the expression of its confidence in international arbitration as an antidote to the horrors and wickedness of war, deplores the failure of our Senate to ratify the treaty so auspiciously negotiated with England by the late Administration and commended so justly by President McKinley. We assure the friends of humanity in England and in other lands that this action fails to express the real Christian judgment of the American people; that it is

our earnest hope and prayer that this defeat will prove only temporary, and early lead the way to wider and better results in the interests of universal peace; and to this end we pledge our renewed and diligent endeavor.

After prayer by Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Newton, the Association took a recess until 7.30 this evening.

Evening Session.

The Association re-assembled at 7.30 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Davis Foster, of Winchendon.

The general theme of the evening, "The Church in Modern City Life," was opened by Rev. Charles P. Mills, of Newburyport, on the special topic, "The Church and Secular Societies."[1]

President Merrill E. Gates, of Amherst, followed with an address upon "The Church and Spiritual Power."[2]

The committee appointed to report upon the amendment to Article V. of the Rules of the Association, presented last year by Rev. William W. Jubb, of Fall River, reported as follows: —

The committee would recommend that Article V. of the rules of the Association be amended to read as follows: —

The pastor of each evangelical Congregational church in this State, with one delegate from each church, and one delegate to be appointed by each Conference and by each Association in the State, with the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer, shall compose the General Association.

After prayer by Rev. Henry E. Barnes, of North Andover, the Association took a recess, to meet at nine o'clock on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY.

Morning Session.

The Association re-assembled at nine o'clock.

Devotional services were led by Rev. John L. Sewall, of North Brookfield. At half past nine the Association was opened with prayer by Rev. William H. Cobb, of Newton Centre.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following resolution from the Essex South and Salem Association was presented and adopted: —

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed who shall consider the wisdom and expediency of the consolidation of our missionary publications and report at the next meeting of the Association.

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The following were chosen as this committee : —

Rev. Edward C. Ewing, of Danvers; Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. E. Ellsworth Strong, of Auburndale; Rev. John E. Tuttle, of Worcester; William F. Whittemore, of Boston.

The following resolution was presented by the business committee and adopted : —

Realizing the importance of child life and recognizing in the Sunday school an opportunity to make our churches a greater power for Christ, we urge the larger use of this department of the work of our churches, and we also recommend that all our churches make special observance of Children's Day.

It was

Voted, To refer back to the committee the resolution upon the proposed amendment to the Rules of the Association.

Rev. Nathan H. Whittlesey, of New Haven, Conn., addressed the Association upon "Ministerial Relief."

The report of the committee upon "Labor Organizations" was presented by James G. Buttrick of Lowell, and was adopted.[1]

The report of the committee on "The Wider Circulation of Religious Literature" was presented by Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield, and was adopted.[2] The following were chosen the committee for the ensuing year : —

Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield; Rev. William E. Barton, of Boston; Rev. Ellis Mendell, of Jamaica Plain.

The report on Sunday Observance was presented by Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Newton, and was adopted. The following were elected the committee for another year : —

Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Newton; Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, of Springfield; Rev. Albert H. Plumb, of Boston; Henry M. Moore, of Somerville; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline.

Addresses were then given by Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Centre, upon "The Divine Authority for the Observance of Lord's Day"[3]; by Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline, upon "What can Pastors, Churches, and Sunday Schools do to promote the Observance of the Lord's Day"[4]; by Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, of Boston, upon "The Work of the Sunday Protective League."

The following resolution was presented by Rev. William E. Barton, of Boston, and was adopted : —

Resolved, That the committee upon Sunday observance be instructed to prepare for publication a Nineteenth Century Christianized Exposition

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of the principles which underlie the duty of the observance of the Lord's Day and of the conduct which best accords with such principles.

On motion of Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson, it was

Voted, That action upon the proposed amendment to Rule V. of the constitution be indefinitely postponed.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield, and was adopted: —

The General Association of Congregational Churches at its ninety-fifth annual meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the patience, fortitude, and wisdom of the missionaries of the American Board laboring in Armenia and China, as displayed by their efficient labors in the midst of civil and religious disturbances. We also recognize with deep sympathy the trials which have come to our brethren in the Marathi mission, India, because of famine and pestilence.

The special committee on the report of the temperance committee presented the following report which was adopted: —

In accepting the report of its committee on temperance this Association wishes to call particular attention to so much of the same as relates to the action of the committee concerning the matter of temperance instruction in the public schools.

We commend their action in procuring the judgment of a committee of medical experts upon the "Endorsed Text Books," and rejoice with them that that judgment affirms the substantial accuracy of the same. We again urge upon the pastors and members of our churches an active interest in the promotion of such instruction in the schools of their respective communities, according to the laws of the Commonwealth.

We also commend to their study the recent report of the Bureau of Statistics on the "Relation of the Liquor Traffic to Pauperism, Crime, and Insanity."

The following resolution was presented by Rev. William E. Barton, of Boston, and was adopted: —

Resolved, That the Association notes with interest the aid which the Board of Pastoral Supply has rendered to the churches, large and small, throughout the Commonwealth. The thirty-nine settlements in which it has taken the initiative and the fifty-six in which it has assisted, in the last few months, seems to us an admirable showing, and we are gratified also with the apparent contribution of this Board toward the permanence of the pastoral relation. We note also the appreciation of the churches as manifested by the increase of nearly three hundred dollars in contributions during the year past. We gladly renew our commendation of the Board, and urgently request an annual contribution from each church in Massachusetts; requesting also that churches in arrears promptly contribute to this efficient auxiliary to our denominational work. Eight conferences have undertaken the collection, through their treasurers, of

the proportion of the churches within their bounds. This systematic method seems to us an eminently wise one, and we recommend it to all the conferences in the State.

Rev. Almon J. Dyer, of Ware, proposed the following amendment to the Rules of the Association : —

Resolved, That Rule V. of the Constitution be so amended as to read, —

The pastor or pastors, and a delegate from each evangelical Congregational church in the State, with the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer, shall compose the General Association.

Delegates from corresponding bodies, members of the Associations of the State who are residents of the State, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports, shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

Honorary members shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association, except the right to make motions and to vote.

Rev. M. A. Breed, of Westboro, proposed the following : —

Motion to amend Section 1 of Article XV. of the Rules of the Association.

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article XV. of the Rules of the Association be so amended as to read as follows : "The reports of the committees on Temperance, Gambling, Work of the Churches, Home Evangelization, Religious Literature, Sunday Observance, and Labor Organizations shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the regular meeting. They shall not be read at the meeting, but one hour of the session may be devoted to the discussion of these topics."

On motion of Rev. Warren P. Landers, of Middleton, it was

Voted, That the proposed amendment be referred to a committee of five to report next year.

The following were chosen that committee : —

Rev. Warren P. Landers, of Middleton; Rev. Charles H. Beale, of Boston; Rev. Merle A. Breed, of Westboro; Rev. William E. Barton, of Boston; Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of Chelsea.

After prayer by Rev. Charles S. Brooks, of Hyde Park, the Association took a recess until 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at 2.30 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline.

On recommendation of the business committee Rev. Mr. Colton spoke upon the work of the American Bible Society.

The following resolution was adopted : —

This Association endorses the work of the New England Sabbath Protective League and commends it heartily to the churches.

The following resolutions were also adopted : —

This Association would return its hearty thanks to Plymouth church and its pastor for the Christian hospitality we have enjoyed at this meeting; also to the members of the other churches for the courtesies they have extended to us. We also express grateful appreciation of the considerate attention of the Press in the excellent reports of our proceedings they have furnished.

The following were chosen as nominees for corporate membership of the American Board : —

Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline; Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield; Rev. Harlan P. Beach, of Springfield; Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson; A. H. Wellman, of Malden; John C. Berry, M. D., of Worcester; James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Edward Whitin, of Whitinsville.

The committee on credentials reported as follows : —

Whole number of delegates present, clergymen . .	163
Laymen	110
Conferences represented by ministers	4
Laymen	7
Associations represented	12
Honorary Members	4

The following were elected the committee on " Labor Organizations " : —

James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of Chelsea; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline; Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock, of Newburyport; Rev. William H. Allbright, of Dorchester; Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Jesse H. Jones, of North Abington; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; John H. Colby, of Boston.

The special committee on the memorial from Suffolk South Conference presented the following report which was accepted : —

The committee appointed to consider a change in the time of the Week of Prayer beg leave to report as follows : —

The Association was somewhat unfortunate in appointing on the committee two venerable old fogies to consider this subject. The whale of modern criticism in regard to old things has never come up into Worcester County for Jonahs to swallow. We are now so tough that we are comparatively safe.

We remember the origin and limiting signification of this Week of Prayer. Some forty-five years ago one of our Presbyterian missions in India proposed a week of prayer for the conversion of the world. The proposal met with wide acceptance from the first and soon commanded

general consent among the Evangelical churches of the world. We cannot change this general consent. This week of prayer will be observed in the Christian world among all denominations. If the Congregationalists of Massachusetts should vote to change the time the great majority of Congregational churches would not go with us. Would it be wise to break away from the union of the churches?

If any of our churches wish to observe a week of prayer at the beginning of the year's work in October or November, they are at perfect liberty to do this, as any church can hold such services as they choose during Passion Week.

Your committee cannot think it wise to recommend the change proposed. We should separate ourselves from the great majority of our brethren of other denominations. We should break the continuity of the brotherhood. We should destroy associations which connect us so pleasantly with our brethren in the mission work. Massachusetts Congregational churches number less than six hundred among the more than five thousand Congregational churches. We do not wish to stand alone. We cannot carry our own churches with us in this proposed change.

Would it not be wise to hold on to the historic continuity of the present arrangement with so many blessed memories, leaving to the churches the privilege, now in possession, to observe other times and seasons of prayer according as such may seem desirable?

There are some objections to the present arrangement in our northern climate. But in meeting one we might start others equally formidable.

The last days of the old year and the first days of the new year are days of unusual thoughtfulness among the great majority in our congregations. Are we ready to lose much in order to try a new experiment which separates us from our brethren?

We are to labor and pray for the salvation of the *whole world* and not simply of our own people, and this week as now observed alone brings us into fellowship with all Christians in this object.

An address was given by Rev. Albert H. Plumb, of Boston, on "Pentecostal Power in the Church of To-day."

Prayer was offered and the hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," was sung, and after the benediction by Rev. Albert H. Plumb, of Boston, the Association adjourned.

THOMAS TODD, *Moderator.*
FRANCIS J. MARSH, *Registrar.*
JAMES W. FLAGG, *Assistant Registrar.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

The tables which follow comprise: —

1. The list of Conferences, with the times of meeting and names of officers.

2. The statistics of pastoral supply, membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sabbath schools, and families; of the Young People's Societies; those of charities and expenses. The tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the YEAR-BOOK.

3. The statistics of ministers, lists of ordinations, installations, dismissals, and deaths.

The tables of the second part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabetically; churches in each town according to age.

The column specifying ministers is corrected up to the time of printing. Church members and families are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1897. Admissions, removals, and baptisms cover the year 1896. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of teachers and scholars, Jan. 1, 1897, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church.

The months and days in the dates of the organization of churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of churches since organized being given in the list of new churches each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the report of the Association.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "*p. c.*"; pastors duly called by their churches and recognized by some "definite act of the church," but not by council, are marked "*p.*"; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of *ministers* do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the convenience of those who note changes.

☞ All *post-office addresses* are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES. H. A. H.

THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES.

1. ANDOVER. — Organized June 8, 1859.

CHURCHES. — In Andover: South; West; Free; Union, Ballardvale; Theological Seminary. In Chelmsford: 2d at North; Central. In Dracut: 1st; Central. In Lawrence: Lawrence Street; Trinity; South; United; Riverside. In Lowell: Pawtucket; 1st; Eliot; John Street; Kirk Street; High Street; *French;* Highland; *Swedish.* Methuen. North Andover. Tewksbury. Tyngsboro. Total: 27 churches.

Albert W. Burnham, Lowell, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Edward W. Pride, Andover, *statistical secretary, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in October.

2. BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 28, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Barnstable: West; Centreville; Hyannis. Chatham. In Dennis: South; Union. In Falmouth: 1st; East; North; Waquoit; Woods Holl. Harwich; Harwich Port. Nantucket. Orleans. Provincetown. Sandwich. In Truro: 1st; North. In Wellfleet: 1st; South. In Yarmouth: 1st; West. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. William C. Detling, Centerville, *scribe, treasurer, and chairman committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on second Tuesday in June and the second Tuesday in December.

3. BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 3, 1867.

CHURCHES. — Adams. Becket North. Dalton. Hinsdale. Lanesboro. Middlefield. North Adams. Peru. In Pittsfield: 1st; 2d; South. Richmond. In Williamstown: 1st; College; South; White Oaks. Windsor. (New Lebanon, N. Y.) Total: 17 churches.

Deacon George French, North Adams, *secretary and treasurer.* Rev. Alford B. Penniman, Adams, *committee on the work of the churches.* Annual meeting, second Wednesday in November; semi-annual, second Wednesday in May.

4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug. 29, 1860.

CHURCHES. — Becket Centre. Egremont South. In Great Barrington: 1st; Housatonic. Lee. Lenox. Monterey. Mount Washington. In New Marlboro: 1st; Southfield; Mill River. Otis. In Sandisfield: 1st; New Boston. Sheffield. In Stockbridge: 1st; Curtisville. In West Stockbridge: Village; Centre. Total: 19 churches.

Bennett T. Gale, Lee, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, *committee on the work of the churches.* Annual meeting in November.

5. BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE. — Organized June 13, 1821.

CHURCHES. — Barre. Brimfield. Brookfield. Charlton. Dana. Dudley. In Hardwick: 1st; Gilbertville. Holland. New Braintree. In North Brookfield: 1st; Union. Oakham. Southbridge. Spencer. Sturbridge. In Ware: 1st; East; *French.* In Warren: 1st; West. West Brookfield. Total: 22 churches.

Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Brookfield, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Benson M.

Frink, W. Brookfield, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings: annual, first Tuesday in May, 2 days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, 1 day.

6. ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized April 30, 1828.

Churches. — In Amesbury: 1st; Union. Boxford, West. In Bradford: 1st; Ward Hill. Georgetown: 1st; Memorial. Groveland. In Haverhill: West; 4th; Centre; North; Riverside; Union; St. Johns, *French.* In Ipswich: 1st; Linebrook. Merrimac. In Newbury: 1st; Byfield. In Newburyport: North; Prospect Street; Belleville; Whitefield. Rowley. In West Newbury: 1st; 2d. Total: 27 churches.

Rev. David C. Torrey, Byfield, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. John N. Lowell, Haverhill, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

7. ESSEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1827.

Churches. — In Beverly: North; Dane Street; Washington Street. Boxford. In Danvers: 1st; Maple Street. Essex. In Gloucester: West; Trinity; Lanesville; Magnolia. Hamilton. Ipswich South. In Lynn: 1st; Central; Chestnut Street; North; *Swedish.* In Lynnfield: Centre; 2d. Manchester. Marblehead. Middleton. In Peabody: South; Rockville; West. In Rockport: 1st; Pigeon Cove; *Swedish.* In Salem: Tabernacle; South; Crombie Street. Saugus: 1st, and Cliftondale. Swampscott. Topsfield. Wenham. Total: 37 churches.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Rev. E. C. Ewing, Danvers, *statistical scribe.* Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

8. FRANKLIN CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 10, 1843.

Churches. — Ashfield. Bernardston. Buckland. In Charlemont: 1st; East. Coleraine. Conway. In Deerfield: South; Orthodox. Erving. Gill. In Greenfield: 1st; 2d. In Hawley: East; West. In Montague: 1st; Miller's Falls; Turner's Falls. Northfield. Orange: Central; *Swedish.* In Shelburne: 1st; Falls. Shutesbury. Sunderland. Warwick. Wendell Centre. Whately. Total: 28 churches.

Rev. Edward P. Butler, Sunderland, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets second Wednesday and Thursday in September.

9. HAMPDEN CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 4, 1850.

Churches. — In Agawam: Feeding Hills; 2d. Blandford: 1st; 2d. In Chester: 1st; 2d. In Chicopee: 1st; 2d; 3d. In Granville: East; West. Hampden. In Holyoke: 1st; 2d; *French.* Huntington, 2d. In Longmeadow: 1st; East. In Ludlow: 1st; Mills. Monson. In Palmer: 1st; 2d; Three Rivers. South Hadley Falls. Southwick. In Springfield: 1st; Olivet; South; North; Indian Orchard; Sandford st.; Hope; *French;* Eastern Avenue; Emmanuel; Park; *Swedish.* Faith. Tolland. In Westfield: 1st; 2d. In West Springfield: 1st; Mittineague; Park st. In Wilbraham: Centre; North. Total, 47 churches.

Rev. Henry C. Meserve, Springfield, *scribe.* Frank P. Searle, Westfield, *treasurer.* Conference meets last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

10. HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE. — Organized February, 1865.

Churches. — Chesterfield. In Cummington: East; West. In Easthampton: 1st; Payson. Goshen. Hatfield. Huntington 1st. In Northampton: 1st;

Edwards; Florence. Plainfield. Southampton. Westhampton. In Williamsburg: 1st; Haydenville. Worthington. Total: 17 churches.

W. M. Purrington, Haydenville, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. A. C. Townsend, Westhampton, *statistical secretary.* Rev. R. M. Woods, Hatfield, *chairman of committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the Executive Committee.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 13, 1860.

CHURCHES. — In Amherst: 1st; 2d; College; North; South. Belchertown. Enfield. Granby. Greenwich. In Hadley: 1st; 2d. Leverett: 1st; Moores Corner. In Pelham: 1st; Packardville. Prescott. South Hadley 1st. Total: 17 churches.

Dea. M. B. Kingman, Amherst, *registrar and treasurer.* Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, *committee on the work of the churches.* Semi-annual meeting, last Tuesday in April; annual, third Tuesday in October.

12. MENDON CONFERENCE. — Organized April 12, 1858.

CHURCHES. — Foxboro. In Franklin: 1st; South. Mansfield. Medfield. In Medway: Village; West; 3d. Milford. Millis. Norfolk. Walpole. Wrentham. Total: 13 churches.

Rev. , *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets third Wednesday of April and October.

13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug 20, 1828.

CHURCHES. — Ashland. Dover. In Framingham: Plymouth; Saxonville; South. Holliston. Hopkinton. Hudson. Lincoln. In Marlboro: 1st; *French.* Maynard. In Natick: 1st; South. Northboro. Sherborn. In Southboro: Pilgrim; Southville. Sudbury. Wayland. Wellesley. Total: 21 churches.

Rev. George A. Brock, Saxonville, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings, third Tuesdays of April and October.

14. MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1853.

CHURCHES. — Acton: 1st; South. Ashby. Ayer. Boxboro. Concord. Dunstable. In Fitchburg: Calvinist; Rollstone; *German; Swedish.* Groton: 1st; West. Harvard. Lancaster. In Leominster: Centre; North. Littleton. Lunenburg. Pepperell. Shirley Village. Townsend. Westford. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Joel D. Miller, Leominster, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Concord, *committee on the work of the churches.* Annual meeting, third Wednesday in October. Spring meeting in April.

15. NORFOLK CONFERENCE. — Organized June 14, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Abington: 1st; North. In Braintree: 1st; South. In Bridgewater: Central Square; Scotland. In Brockton: 1st; Campello; Porter Evan.; *Swedish*; Waldo. In Cohasset: Evangelical; Beechwood. East Bridgewater. In Easton: 1st; *Swedish.* In Hingham: 1st; Nantasket. Holbrook. In Milton: 1st; 2d. In Quincy: Evangelical; Washington st., *Swedish.* Randolph. Rockland. Sharon. Stoughton. In Weymouth: 1st; 2d, South; Landing; Union, South; North; East. Whitman. Total: 35 churches.

Rev. Warren F. Low, Holbrook, *scribe.* Mrs. Mary S. Vining, Hingham *treasurer.* Rev. R. R. Kendall, Weymouth Heights, *statistical secretary and committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings first Tuesday in May and last Tuesday in September.

16. OLD COLONY CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept. 23, 1856.

CHURCHES. — Dartmouth South. Edgartown. Fairhaven. Lakeville. Marion. Mattapoisett. In Middleboro: 1st; Central. In New Bedford: 1st; North; Trinitarian. In Rochester: 1st; North; East. Wareham. Westport. West Tisbury. Total: 17 churches.

Rev. William Carruthers, 89 Suffolk st., Holyoke, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets for a two-days' session the third Tuesday in April and the last Tuesday in October.

17. PILGRIM CONFERENCE. — Organized April 27, 1830.

CHURCHES. — Carver North. Duxbury. Halifax. In Hanover: 1st; 2d. Hanson. Kingston. In Marshfield: 1st; 2d. In Plymouth: Manomet; Pilgrimage; Chiltonville. Plympton. Scituate. Total: 14 churches.

Rev. John Wild, Hanover, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Oscar F. Davis, Chiltonville, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets in April and October, for two-days' session each.

18. SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — Arlington. In Boston: 1st and Winthrop, Charlestown; Maverick, East Boston; Mt. Vernon and Seamen's. In Cambridge: 1st; 1st Cambridgeport; North Avenue; Pilgrim, Wood Memorial, and Hope, Cambridgeport. In Chelsea: 1st; Central; 3d. In Everett: 1st; Courtland st.; Mystic Side. In Revere: 1st; Beachmont. In Somerville: 1st; East; Broadway; West; Prospect Hill; Winter Hill; Highlands. Winthrop. Total: 27 churches.

Frank E. Hodgkins, 162 Congress Street, Boston, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Albert Watson, 214 Hancock Street, Everett, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the second Wednesdays of April and October.

19. SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — In Boston: Dorchester, 2d; Union; Phillips, South Boston; Dorchester Village; Eliot, Roxbury; West Roxbury; Central and Boylston, Jamaica Plain; Immanuel, Roxbury; Trinity, Neponset; Pilgrim, Dorchester; Highland and Walnut Avenue, Roxbury; Olivet; Harvard and Central, Dorchester; Roslindale; Garrison Memorial. Canton. In Dedham: 1st; Islington. In Hyde Park: 1st; Clarendon. Norwood. In Quincy: Atlantic; Wollaston Heights. East Walpole. Total: 27 churches.

Rev. Wm. H. Allbright, Dorchester, *scribe.* E. S. Hathaway, Hyde Park, *treasurer.* Rev. Wm. H. Bolster, Dorchester, *statistical secretary and committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

20. SUFFOLK WEST CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 17, 1873.

CHURCHES. — In Belmont: Waverly. In Boston: Old South; Park st.; Berkeley Temple; Brighton; Central; Shawmut; Allston; *Norwegian* and *Swedish.* Brookline: Harvard; Leyden. Needham. In Newton: 1st, Newton Centre; 2d, West Newton; Eliot; Auburndale; Nonantum; Central, Newtonville; Highlands. Waltham: 1st; *Swedish.* Watertown. Wellesley Hills. Weston. Total: 25 churches.

Rev. John M. Dutton, Newtonville, *recording secretary.* Benjamin F. Dewing, 35 Hawley Street, Boston, *treasurer.* Rev. Charles E. Havens, Newton Highlands, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings, second Wednesdays of April and October.

21. TAUNTON CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 2, 1849.

CHURCHES. — Attleboro. Berkley. Dighton. In Fall River: 1st; Central; 3d; *French;* Broadway. Assonet in Freetown. Lakeville. Middleboro North. North Attleboro: 1st; Falls; Trinity. Norton. In Raynham: 1st; North. Rehoboth. Somerset. In Taunton: West; Trinitarian; Winslow; East; Union. Total: 24 churches.

Rev. Elwin L. House, Attleboro, *scribe, and committee on the work of the churches.* Thomas Chew, Box 460, Fall River, *treasurer.* Conference holds two sessions annually of one day each, in the spring and fall.

22. WOBURN CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept. 5, 1848.

CHURCHES. — Bedford. Billerica. Burlington. Carlisle. Hancock, Lexington. In Malden: 1st; Maplewood; Linden. In Medford: Mystic; West and South. In Melrose: 1st; Highlands. North Reading. Reading. Stoneham. Wakefield. Wilmington. Winchester. In Woburn: 1st; North; *Scandinavian;* Montvale. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Isaac Pierson, Medford, *scribe and treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the last Tuesdays of April and October.

23. WORCESTER CENTRAL CONFERENCE. — Organized April 28, 1852.

CHURCHES. — Auburn. Berlin. Boylston. Clinton. Holden. Leicester. Oxford. Paxton. Princeton. Rutland. Shrewsbury. Sterling. West Boylston. In Worcester: Old South; Central; Union; Summer st.; Plymouth; Piedmont; *Swedish;* Pilgrim; Park; Covenant; Hope; Lake View; Belmont; Bethany; *Armenian;* Immanuel; *Swedish, 2d.* Total: 30 churches.

Rev. Geo. S. Dodge, Worcester, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following third Monday in October.

24. WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 24, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Ashburnham: 1st; North. Athol. Baldwinville. Gardner. Hubbardston. New Salem. In Orange: North. Petersham. Phillipston. In Royalton: 1st; South. Templeton. Westminster. In Winchendon: 1st; North. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. Davis Foster, Winchendon, *scribe.* Meetings in October and June.

25. WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized June 17, 1828.

CHURCHES. — Blackstone: 1st; Millville. In Douglas: 1st; East. In Grafton: 1st; Saundersville. In Millbury: 1st; 2d. In Northbridge: 1st; Whitinsville; Rockdale. Sutton. Upton. Uxbridge. Webster. Westboro'. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, *scribe and chairman of the committee on the work of the churches.* Dea. Amos Armsby, Millbury, *treasurer.* Meetings on fourth Wednesdays of April and October.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.		MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Abington,	1712	Forrest D. Hunt,*a*	Wilson S. Fritch, *p. c.*	'93	'95	52	110	162	29	3	3	6	7	2	0	- 9	1	1
" North,	1839	Dea. Cyrus Orcutt,				29	64	93	23	0	0	0	4	0	0	- 4	0	0
Acton,	1832	Horace F. Tuttle,	Bernard Copping, *p. c.*	'78	'94	30	58	88	19	0	1	1	2	1	0	- 3	0	0
" South,	1893	Edgar I. Banks,	Wilson R. Buxton, *p. c.*	'94	'94	18	41	59	7	3	10	13	1	4	0	+ 5	3	3
Adams,	1840	Dea. Edw. W. Strecter,	Alford B. Penniman, *p. c.*	'83	'94	131	257	388	16	9	5	14	2	5	0	+ 7	3	5
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762	Miss Julia A. Bailey,	Frank L. Garfield, *p. c.*	'93	'92	16	41	57	12	0	1	1	1	0	0	Δ 1	0	0
"	1819	Mrs. C. L. Hayward,	Walter Rice, *p. c.*	'65	'92	88	102	190	57	12	2	14	4	0	0	+ 4	9	0
Amesbury, Main st.,	1831	Joseph Batchelder,	George L. Richmond, *p. c.*	'83	'89	103	197	300	32	5	9	14	4	6	0	- 10	3	0
" Union,	1835	Miss Lois L. Fifield,	George W. Christie, *p.*	'73	'91	20	80	100	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	Δ 0	0	0
Amherst, 1st,	1739	J. A. Rawson,				126	319	445	72	8	17	25	7	17	0	- 24	3	4
" 2d,	1782	Herbert Sabin,	Charles L. Woodworth, *p.*	'49	'93	49	116	165	20	6	3	9	3	1	0	+ 4	6	1
" College,	1826	W. I. Fletcher,				223	59	282	150	5	9	14	0	7	0	- 7	0	0
" North,	1826	Miss M. E. Harrington,	Eber W. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'73	'90	84	159	243	30	0	0	0	4	6	0	- 10	0	2
" South,	1858	Mrs. W. B. Rose,	John F. Gleason, *p.*	'73	'95	63	96	159	20	7	5	12	4	6	1	- 11	6	0
Andover, South,	1711	Myron E. Gutterson,	Frank R. Shipman, *p. c.*	'93	'93	86	232	318	42	7	21	28	4	7	0	- 11	1	7
" West,	1826	Arthur T. Boutwell,	Rob't A. MacFadden, *p. c.*	'96	'96	85	158	243	44	1	2	3	6	1	0	- 7	0	0
" Free,	1846	Herbert Goff,	Frederic A. Wilson, *p. c.*	'32	'89	101	262	363	88	20	12	32	6	10	0	- 16	4	10
" Ballardvale,	1854	William Shaw,	Arthur L. Golder, *p.*	'91	'96	27	69	96	24	6	0	6	3	4	0	- 7	0	0
" Seminary,	1865	Prof. E. C. Smyth,	The Professors,			92	109	201	38	7	3	10	2	9	0	- 11	0	0
Arlington,	1842	Henry H. Austin,	Samuel C. Bushnell, *p. c.*	'79	'90	76	169	245	31	2	1	3	4	1	0	- 5	2	7
Ashburnham, 1st,	1760	Fred. D. Lane,	Nathan T. Dyer, *p.*	'78	'97	35	80	115	26	3	3	6	4	10	4	- 18	3	1
" North,	1843	Stephen Ward,				3	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	- 1	0	0
Ashby,	1776	Horace S. Brooks,				72	115	187	41	10	0	10	1	5	0	+ 6	9	1
Ashfield,	1763	H. S. Ranney,	George H. Bailey, *p.*	'67	'93	65	117	182	14	2	6	8	4	3	0	+ 7	2	5
Ashland,	1835	Dea. Edwin Perry,	Charles L. Tomblen, *p.*	'77	'92	32	71	103	24	2	3	5	4	3	0	- 7	0	6
Athol,	1839	C. K. Wood, A. Centre,	Rolla S. Bugbee, *p.*	'76	'97	77	226	303	31	7	4	11	9	1	0	- 10	7	0
Attleboro',	1748	Benjamin P. King,	Elwin L. House, *p. c.*	'88	'93	130	344	474	23	56	12	68	8	9	0	- 17	32	2
Auburn,	1776	William F. Stone,	Charles M. Pierce, *p.*	'63	'90	44	78	122	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	Δ 0	0	0
Ayer,	1861	Miss Clara E. Blood,	Horace F. Hallett, *p.*	'91	'94	24	69	93	22	3	5	8	1	3	0	+ 4	1	1
Baldwinville,	1874	Mrs. M. B. Raymond,	John W. Hird, *p. c.*	'79	'89	42	73	115	15	3	6	9	4	0	6	- 10	2	0
Barnstable, West,	1616		[Edgar B. French, *Lic.*]		'97	19	42	61	11	0	2	2	4	1	0	- 5	0	3
" Centreville,	1840	Dea. Jacob Lovell,	William C. Detling, *p.*	'97	'97	10	34	44	7	1	2	3	5	2	2	9	1	0
" Hyannis,	1854	Warren A. Perry,	Henry S. Kimball, *p.*	'66	'92	8	24	32	4	8	2	10	2	0	0	+ 2	8	0
Barre,	1827	C. S. Root, Barre Plains,	Joseph F. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'67	'79	44	114	158	29	3	6	9	2	3	6	- 11	3	0
Becket, Centre,	1758	Mrs. Lucy O. Ellsworth,*b*	[Charles O. Eames, *Lic.*]		'97	3	11	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	Δ 0	0	2
" North,	1849	Dea. Jarvis Norcutt,	[Charles O. Eames, *Lic.*]		'97	35	53	88	37	0	0	0	0	4	0	- 4	0	0
Bedford,	1730	Rev. Edwin Smith,	Edwin Smith, *p.*	'65	'86	64	131	195	41	3	0	3	6	1	0	- 7	2	3
Belchertown,	1737	Charles B. Southick,	[George J. Newton, *Lic.*]		'96	74	154	228	67	4	8	12	5	2	0	+ 7	2	0

a Whitman. *b* Bancroft. Acushnet, *see* New Bedford. Assonet, *see* Freetown. Atlantic, *see* Quincy.
Attleboro Falls, *see* N. Attleboro. Auburndale, *see* Newton, Ballardvale, *see* Andover. Beechwood, *see* Cohasset.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Abington,	W. S. O'Brien,	h197	118	150	46	$88	$10	$11	$39	$24	$18	$ 0	$110	$ 300	$ 0	$1,580
" North,	William C. Brett,	121	65	80	67	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	12	0	1,250
Acton,	Horace F. Tuttle,	63	63	125	43	33	7	25	36	28	21	7	69	226	500	1,200
" South,	William F. Hale,	85	57	65	52	19	0	0	10	0	6	0	10	45	0	1,125
Adams,	William B. Plunkett,	654	395	300	60	160	64	20	200	17	15	0	300	776	0	6,702
Agawam,	Charles Brown,	63	32	54	35	45	16	10	20	12	24	0	1	128	5,000	600
"	W. H. Porter,	148	56	100	90	77	70	0	57	40	40	4	45	333	0	1,250
Amesbury,	Dea. C. H. Tucker,	250	148	325	87	725	55	11	72	81	5	0	148	1,097	0	4,881
"	Mrs. J. Philip Bartlett,	150	75	130	81	134	10	9	27	70	0	5	328	583	0	1,609
Amherst, 1st,	Charles L. Nims,	228	165	250	115	467	36	40	487	63	43	0	710	1,846	0	3,955
" 2d,	Charles H. Hooker,	167	70	100	74	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	93	0	
" College,				30		1,075	23	0	213	164	0	25	334	1,834	0	246
" North,	Charles H. Kellogg,	200	121	120	115	235	38	17	177	111	23	7	69	677	0	1,555
" South,	George O. Hannum,	125	75	85	57	159	7	9	87	32	0	0	29	323	0	1,245
Andover, South,	Charles H. Gilbert,	311	198	238	88	426	71	56	431	329	27	0	700	2,040	0	8,500
" West,	Arthur T. Boutwell,	90	70	90	37	107	0	80	0	86	0	0	161	434	0	1,600
" Free,	J. Newton Cole,	302	192	202	80	86	28	29	133	87	29	0	216	608	0	2,701
" Ballardvale,	William Shaw,	120	85	65	84	185	12	23	65	115	5	0	125	530	0	950
" Seminary,	Matthew S. McCurdy,	66	50	71	0	838	194	0	640	207	25	0	50	1,954	0	522
Arlington,	William A. Muller,	275	166	250	90	283	80	45	286	114	78	29	113	1,028	0	4,531
Ashburnh'm, 1st,	Rev. J. S. Cogswell,	85	69	150	56	36	0	10	25	0	0	0	0	71	0	1,500
" North,		40	18	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Ashby,	Fred E. Brooks,	112	76	72	45	6	16	0	14	10	4	0	124	174	0	2,734
Ashfield,	J. M. Sears,	150	75	125	45	103	15	0	96	33	12	10	163	432	0	1,400
Ashland,	Dea. William H. Hovenden,	109	59	125	49	18	14	14	40	20	0	0	25	131	0	1,225
Athol,	Dea. O. M. Lawton, **A. Centre**	300	186	232	130	207	10	34	197	104	0	0	50	602	500	2,490
Attleboro',	Martin L. Chapman,	545	335	400	100	596	111	70	793	77	72	21	600	2,340	0	4,149
Auburn,	Miss Julia F. Bancroft,	130	74	86	47	70	0	0	15	0	5	0	9	99	0	1,680
Ayer,	Augustus Lovejoy,	m112	47	64	33	48	3	3	25	5	2	1	1	88	0	1,360
Baldwinville,	Horace H. Hall,	157	90	115	92	0	0	15	41	104	8	0	0	168	1,000	1,225
Barnstable, W.,	Dea. Philip H. Robinson,	m105	51	141	17	5	0	10	5	10	0	0	17	47	0	562
" Centreville,	Mrs. Dillah Whitford,	65	42	40	37	15	0	0	115	0	3	0	9	142	0	535
" Hyannis,	E. E. Field,	80	40	85	65	14	2	2	19	5	2	0	47	91	0	425
Barre,	James B. Colby,	108	65	100	49	250	68	46	278	125	11	124	119	1,021	0	1,600
Becket, Centre,	Francis Alderman, **Becket,**	30	20	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	215
" North,	Henry A. Jennings,	102	67	42	0	41	0	0	9	0	0	0	22	72	0	725
Bedford,	Wallace G. Webber,	226	130	155	44	136	0	4	67	34	25	0	243	509	0	1,800
Belchertown,	Walter R. Blackmer,	205	133	150	115	106	0	0	39	30	0	0	37	212	0	1,379

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Belmont, **Waverly,**	1865	Robert C. Claus,	George P. Gilman, *p.*	'72	'83	21	40	61	15	1	6	7	1	1	0	+2	0	5
Berkley,	1737	Dea. Rollin H. Babbitt,	Franklin K. Beem, *p. c.*	'95	'94	28	58	86	15	5	3	8	2	0	0	+2	3	1
Berlin,	1779	William S. Eager,	Henry F. Markham, *p.*	'80	'94	29	61	90	26	0	2	2	1	0	0	+1	0	2
Bernardston,	1824	Dea. Henry Slate,	David H. Strong, *p.*	'85	'88	26	45	71	9	0	3	3	1	2	0	-3	0	1
Beverly, North,	1715	Charles S. Brown,	[Raymond L. Seamans, *Me.*]	'96	'96	21	38	59	9	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	4	1
" Dane st.,	1802	Louis H. Baker,	Francis J. Van Horn, *p. c.*	'93	'95	133	291	424	31	32	5	37	9	3	1	13	20	8
" Washington st.,	1837	William A. Lefavour,	William A. Bacon *p.c.*	'95	'95	66	172	238	48	11	1	12	5	7	0	12	8	2
Billerica,	1829	Rev. Daniel W. Hardy,	Daniel W. Hardy, *p.*	'74	'93	28	55	83	15	1	2	3	4	1	0	5	1	3
Blackstone,	1841	Calvin H. Lee,	Frank G. Alger, *p.*	'86	'96	11	20	31	9	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
" *Scand.*, **Millville,**	1892	Arthur Westberg,				6	4	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Blandford, 1st,	1735	C. B. Hayden,	Allen C. Ferrin, *p. c.*	'96	'95	26	57	83	16	1	4	5	2	2	0	4	1	0
" North,	1893	Mrs. Julia C. Loveland,	Allen C. Ferrin, *p. c.*	'96	'95	9	25	34	0	11	7	18	2	0	0	+2	9	0
Boston, **Charlestown,**	1632	Gardner Bates,	Charles H. Pope,	'65	'96	41	138	179		0	0	0	3	8	25	36	0	4
" Old South,	1669	J. Converse Gray,	George A. Gordon, *p. c.*	'77	'84	207	422	629	60	20	14	34	10	3	0	13	6	5
" 2d, **Dorchester,**	1808	William D. Brigham,	Arthur Little, *p. c.*	'63	'89	224	426	650		18	37	55	12	9	0	21	12	16
" Park st.,	1809	William E. Swift,				348	552	900	400	5	4	9	14	13	0	27	4	0
" Union,	1822	Samuel H. Root,	Samuel L. Loomis, *p. c.*	'80	'96	159	352	511	73	10	17	27	2	40	27	69	5	0
" Phillips, **South,**	1823	Dea. W. B. Bancroft,	Charles A. Dinsmore, *p. c.*	'85	'96	187	498	685	125	31	12	43	9	20	1	30	8	5
" Berkeley Temple,	1827	J. H. Richardson,	Charles A. Dickinson, *p.c.*	'79	'88	392	728	1120		24	33	57	5	36	0	41		
" **Brighton,**	1827	Elbra L. Barker,	Adolph A. Berle, *p. c.*	'87	'91	72	149	221		9	5	14	1	3	0	4		4
" Village, **Dorchester,**	'29	Dea. Frederick M. Swan,	G. Wolcott Brooks, *p.*	'77	'90	62	148	210	26	3	5	8	5	6	0	11	0	4
" Winth'p, **Charlest'n,**	'33	Norman D. Stewart,				101	318	419		23	19	42	4	13	1	18	4	6
" Eliot, **Roxbury,**	1834	James S. Barrows,	August'sC. Thompson *p.c.*	'42	'42	123	257	380	92	3	6	9	8	5	0	13	2	8
" Central,	1835	Arthur G. Stanwood,	Edward L. Clark, *p. c.*	'61	'93	73	171	244		3	14	17	3	11	0	14	2	3
" **W. Roxbury,**	1835	Edw. W. Schuerch,	Frank W. Merrick, *p. c.*	'91	'93	56	133	189	24	2	14	16	7	3	0	10	2	4
" Maverick, **East,**	1836	Lawrence S. James,	Smith Baker, *p. c. a*	'60	'93	112	306	418	158	12	10	22	11	7	68	86	7	33
" Mt. Vernon,	1842	Sanford Keith,	Samuel E. Herrick, *p. c.*	'63	'71	114	272	386		4	15	19	15	1	0	16	1	3
" Shawmut,	1845	Charles P. Loring,	{ Edwin B. Webb, *p.c.*, *em.* '50 { William E. Barton, *p. c.* '85		'60 '93	138	283	421		11	18	29	11	21	0	32	3	0
" **Jamaica Plain,**	1853	James H. Dodge,	Charles L. Morgan, *p. c.*	'76	'94	192	380	572	106	28	27	55	7	12	0	19	4	20
" Immanuel, **Roxb'y,**	1857	Royal T. Brodrick,	Charles H. Beale, *p. c.*	'80	'94	105	302	407	80	14	7	21	4	28	2	34	2	4
" **Neponset,**	1859	Herbert Tucker,	Eugene C. Webster, *p. c.*	'90	'93	39	82	121	23	11	6	17	0	3	0	3	2	3
" Pilgrim, **Dorche'r,**	1867	Charles H. Crockett,	William H. Allbright, *p.c.*	'79	'90	130	312	442	14	20	33	53	5	11	0	16	13	16
" Highland, **Roxb'y,**	1869	George W. Basford,	William R. Campbell, *p. c.*	'81	'81	140	307	447	120	25	6	31	3	19	0	22	8	30
" Walnut av., **Roxb'y,**	'70	Charles H. W. Wood,	Albert H. Plumb, *p. c.*	'58	'72	116	250	366	29	9	5	14	5	9	0	14	6	11
" Olivet,	1876	Miss Susan C. Smith,	Donald Browne, *p.*	'90	'95	23	48	71	5	2	0	2	0	7	0	7	0	1
" Boylston, **Ja. Plain,**	1879	Sylvester R. Crocker,	Ellis Mendell, *p. c.*	'79	'88	67	193	260	57	9	8	17	5	7	0	12	3	7
" *Swed.*,	1881	John R. Sjämon,	Peter Vincentius, *p. c.*	'88	'87	72	150	222	10	22	2	24	0	4	5	9		12
" *Norwegian*,	1885	Ole M. Dahl,	Morten Olsen, *p.*	'95	'94	18	36	54	2	7	0	7	0	0	2	2		10
" **Allston,**	1886	Charles M. Demerrit,	John O. Haarvig, *p. c.*	'83	'95	114	208	322	55	17	16	33	5	10	0	15	6	4

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Belmont,	Harris E. Carpenter,	101	66	65	47	0	0	10	13	0	0	0	10	33	0	1,600
Berkley,	Caleb D. Babbitt,	65	40	70	37	156	3	13	6	27	9	0	13	227	0	1,080
Berlin,	Charles M. Sawyer,	105	66	55	44	21	12	12	23	18	6	0	0	92	1,100	1,400
Bernardston,	Alonzo Alford,	90	42	52	18	67	10	22	76	7	4	6	21	213	0	877
Beverly, North,	Charles S. Brown,			80	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	0	
" Dane st.,	Charles L. Odell,	608	401	400	225	740	0	28	892	138	46	8	675	2,527	0	4,625
" Wash'ton st.,	Samuel Cole,	311	178	260	93	225	30	29	375	52	23	0	150	884	0	2,660
Billerica,	John E. Bull,	75	50	53	40	96	20	0	19	55	4	0	40	234	0	1,143
Blackstone,	Calvin H. Lee,	78	46	75	75	27	6	10	58	8	15	0	0	124	0	650
" Millville,	Frank Carlson,	10	7			0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Blandford, 1st,	Charles B. Hayden,	70	46	40	0	60	5	5	41	18	19	10	46	204	0	2,180
" North,	Harrison L. Pease,	65	53	56	25	0	0	3	3	3	9	0	3	21	0	433
Boston, Ch'st'n,	Henry Brown,	114	68	75	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	1,000	2,500
" Old South,	Nathan B. Day,	610	330			17,578	565	232	8,934	599	308	0	6,262	34,478	0	
" 2d, Dorch'r,	William Q. Wales,	871	487	515	214	3,414	2,726	342	3,342	1,198	202	17	468	11,709	0	9,940
" Park st.,	Alfred H. Colby,	325	190		130	2,784	80	0	2,231	410	0	0	1,858	7,363	0	12,882
" Union,	George O. Haven,	405	253	500	251	1,464	170	119	460	564	0	0	0	2,777	0	8,000
" Phillips, South	Minot F. Davis,	890	500	500	274	577	16	16	1,229	57	16	0	176	2,087	0	7,344
" Berkeley Tem.	Hamilton S. Conant,	475	300		250	318	0	0	10	98	0	0	1,801	2,227	0	13,500
" Brighton,	William F. Murphy,	357	231	300	209	589	129	0	1,502	192	245	0	417	3,074	0	5,789
" Village, Dorc.	W. G. Swan,	237	158	149	174	240	20	14	319	47	17	0	126	783	0	3,153
" Winth'p, C'n,	Alonzo E. Martin,	505	329		54	368	261	38	536	75	0	0	1,348	2,626	0	6,082
" Eliot, Roxb.,	Clarence T. Mooar,	330	213	230	139	1,204	123	31	1,061	230	60	0	651	3,360	0	4,350
" Central,	George H. Richter,	200	150			2,944	622	265	3,936	475	715	0	533	9,490	0	
" W. Roxbury,	E. E. Grover,	241	158	187	70	245	16	14	325	68	0	12	109	789	0	3,963
" Mave'k, East,	Elmer H. Allen,	m729	406	630	245	50	70	80	347	95	25	0	33	700	0	6,300
" Mt. Vernon,	David R. Craig,	180	92			4,666	0	31	2,056	337	0	30	15	7,135	0	
" Shawmut,	Rev. George H. Cate,	571	393		110	1,743	78	135	784	360	19	20	75	3,214	0	9,527
" Jamaica Pl.,	J. W. Farmer,	559	355	445	177	495	228	122	922	432	270	19	290	2,778	0	7,400
" Imman'l, Rox.	Asa H. Porter,	472	296	250	108	577	116	0	869	253	140	0	941	2,896	0	7,690
" Neponset,	Charles H. Horne,	146	85	140	105	100	9	9	144	66	11	23	101	463	0	1,237
" Pilg'm, Dorch.	Joseph M. Donald,	505	312	452	194	365	170	25	586	114	18	0	697	1,975	0	12,978
" Highl'd, Rox.,	Charles L. Zeigler,	735	433	260	116	486	33	10	458	98	23	0	119	1,227	0	6,128
" Walnut av., R.	Frank O. Whitney,	368	246	200	118	1,376	91	62	2,752	523	70	14	213	5,101	4,000	8,300
" Olivet,	Arthur M. Clement,	91	39	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	92	0	1,282
" Boylston, J. P.	Sylvester R. Crocker,	443	234	330	102	210	33	31	129	68	44	0	260	775	0	3,178
" *Swed.*,	John E. Friberg,	230	158			0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	5,046
" *Norw.*,	Rev. Morten Olsen,	54	15	35		0	0	0	10	1	0	0	24	35	0	967
" Allston,	Fred M. Newcomb,	385	172	300	129	993	55	172	1 022	39	13	20	123	2,437	0	7,490

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Boston, Harvard, **Dorch'r,** '88	Henry N. Marr,	William H Bolster, *p. c.*	'72	'92	37	97	134	15	3	8	11	0	5	0	+5	0	1
" Central, **Dorch'r,** 1888	James H. Landers,	Perley B. Davis, *p.*	'62	'92	45	72	117	22	3	15	18	1	8	0	+9	2	18
" Seamen's, 1888	James E. MacDonald,	Sylvester S. Nickerson, *p.c.*	'76	'88	64	15	79	41	6	1	7	1	3	0	-4	1	1
" **Roslindale,** 1890	Dea. Henry H. Cole,	Richard B. Grover, *p.*	'81	'90	65	139	204	11	17	17	34	2	4	0	6	6	11
" Garrison Memorial, 1895	Rev. P. T. Stanford,	P. Thomas Stanford, *p. c.*	'78	'95	130	75	205	40	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	14
Boxboro', **West Acton,** 1784	A. W. Wetherbee,	Albert B. Peabody, *p.*	'60	'91	23	31	54	19	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0
Boxford, 1702	W. W. Howe,	Emery L. Bradford, *p. c.*	'92	'92	33	94	127		2	1	3	4	0	0	4	2	5
" **West,** 1736	William K. Cole,	Charles L. Hubbard, *p. c.*	'68	'78	23	46	69	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Boylston, 1743	Mrs. H. L. Lynch, B.Cen.	D. Emery Burtner, *p.*	'90	'93	52	92	144	32	6	5	11	1	7	0	8	4	0
Bradford, 1682	Dea. S. W. Carleton,	John D. Kingsbury, *p. c.*	'56	'66	143	309	452	45	7	3	10	9	3	0	12	5	3
" **Ward Hill,** 1893	Harlan Chase,				20	50	70	4	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	3	0
Braintree, 1st, 1707	Dea. Arza B. Keith,	Alfred A. Ellsworth, *p. c.*	'62	'85	45	132	177	28	5	5	10	3	3	1	7	5	1
" **South,** 1829	Frank Reed,	Chas. F. H. Crathern, *p.*	'86	'96	17	53	70	6	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bridgewater, 1821	Dea. L. A. Darling,	Elbert S. Porter, *p. c.*	'83	'89	86	172	258	56	2	7	9	1	4	0	5	2	2
" **Scotland,** 1836	Mrs. T. C. Wilbur, B.,	Ira A. Smith, *p.*	'82	'96	14	26	40	16	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0
Brimfield, 1724	Dea. Edward B. Brown,	Robert J. Kyle, *p.*	'85	'94	31	53	84	24	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	2	0
Brockton, 1st, 1740	Dea. Jesse F. Perkins,	Alan B. Hudson, *p.*	'92	'96	86	237	323		7	8	15	6	18	0	24	6	0
" South, **Campello,** 1837	Rufus P. Keith,	William T. Beale, *p. c.*	'82	'94	120	249	369		2	6	8	7	9	0	16	2	3
" Porter, 1850	Minot W. Niles,	Andrew W. Archibald, *p.c.*	'76	'97	188	418	606	90	55	14	69	12	57	0	69	45	3
" *Swed.*, **Campello,** 1879	Dea. Wm. Allen,	John E. Johnson,	'92	'97	122	145	267	28	25	0	25	2	8	26	36	0	
" Waldo, 1896	James T. McCaughey,	Robert L. Rae, *p. c.*	'89	'96	23	34	57		19	40	59	0	2	0	2	15	2
" [Wendell av., 1897	David Kingman,	Edwin L. Noble, *p. c.*	'96	'97	23	46	69										
Brookfield, 1756	Mrs. E. K. Goodell,	Edw. B. Blanchard, *p. c.*	'92	'95	35	99	134	41	5	6	11	1	5	3	9	4	0
Brookline, Harvard, 1844	Edward Sharp,	Reuen Thomas, *p. c. a*	'60	'75	202	451	653	75	17	19	36	7	19	0	26		
" Leyden, 1896	Robert W. Hastings,	Harris G. Hale, *p. c.*	'91	'96	19	37	56	0	4	52	56	0	0	0	0	2	4
Buckland, 1785	Dea. H. L. Warfield,	Alpheus C. Hodges, *p. c.*	'81	'85	55	110	165	32	0	5	5	3	7	0	10	0	1
Burlington, 1735	Dea. Samuel Sewall,	Austin Dodge, *p.*	'66	'95	18	37	55	21	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
Cambridge, 1st, 1636	Charles F. Stratton,	Alex'r McKenzie, *p. c.*	'61	'67	249	584	833		23	28	51	10	15	0	25	5	15
" Prospect st., 1827	Albert B Long,				125	289	414	131	4	14	18	0	10	0	10	0	1
" North av., 1857	John F. Eaton,	Lawrence M. Colfelt,		'97	161	293	454	75	4	3	7	2	17	1	20	0	0
" Pilgrim, 1865	Dea. Daniel S. Coolidge,	Frank E. Ramsdell, *p.*		'91	'96	225	406	631	112	12	9	21	16	11	46	73	2	6
" Wood Memorial, 1872	Dea. Abijah R. Buck,	Isaiah W. Sneath, *p. c.*		'84	'87	84	178	262	35	12	11	23	5	7	0	12	4	14
" Hope, 1890	Frank R. Stewart,	Charles M. Carpenter, *p.*		'90	'93	39	59	98	16	7	5	12	2	4	0	6	1	19
Canton, 1828	Abner Morse,					47	61	108	7	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	2
Carlisle, 1781	W. A. Prescott,	Lyman Mevis, *p.*		'91	'94	20	32	52	13	4	2	6	2	0	0	2	1	3
Carver, **North,** 1733	Theron M. Cole,	Washington H. Forbes,		'81	'97	14	26	40	13	0	2	2	3	0	2	5	0	0
Charlemont, 1st, 1788	Dea. J. H. Smead,	William R. Joyslin, *p.*		'64	'96	58	33	91	6	0	2	2	2	5	0	7	0	0
" **East,** 1845	Mrs. Lyman Whiting,	Lyman Whiting, *p.*		'43	'89	20	43	63	10	1	4	5	0	2	0	2	1	0
Charlton, 1761	Dea. M. D. Woodbury,	George O. Jenness, *p.*		'61	'96	17	45	62	24	1	4	5	3	0	0	3	0	1
Chatham, 1720	George S. Atwood,	Daniel W. Richardson, *p.*		'62	'96	26	57	83	23	4	0	4	0	1	1	2	4	0
Chelmsford, **North,** 1824	Dea. Charles H. Holt,	S. Ingersoll Briant, *p.*		'68	'89	19	52	71	14	5	0	5	1	3	0	4	2	2

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Boston, Harvard,	Henry N. Marr,	250	162	170	56	100	0	12	317	117	0	0	302	848	0	4,200
" Central,	Andrew T. Hersey,	180	123	95	63	60	13	11	104	15	16	0	105	324	0	3,200
" Seamen's,	Fred P. Greenwood, Everett,	52	28	22	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	175	0	
" Roslindale,	George Dame,	325	186	242	110	125	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	325	0	
" Garrison Mem.	Rev. P. Thomas Stanford,	95	60	40	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	400
Boxboro,	Dea. Martin E. Wood,	70	42	26	23	54	0	5	34	10	3	0	11	117	0	532
Boxford,	H. N. Towne,	125	100	105	34	43	7	0	27	25	0	0	30	132	0	1,200
" West,	Prof. N. B. Sargent,	70	30	75	0	52	9	0	48	81	5	0	40	235	0	
Boylston,	C. H. Andrews, B. Centre,	m150	83	110	55	35	0	0	34	54	6	0	37	166	0	4,055
Bradford,	Arthur W. Johnson,	525	268	450	75	150	10	30	352	50	40	0	299	931	0	4,000
"	Charles Bisbee,	100	80	85	61	10	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	29	0	1,122
Braintree, 1st,	Charles S. Bates,	313	181	150	61	137	15	12	586	85	50	0	60	945	0	3,741
" South,	Dea. Henry B. Whitman,	203	85	130	70	43	0	9	46	31	0	0	129	258	0	2,000
Bridgewater,	W. D. Jackson,	210	118	150	166	92	13	15	209	78	25	0	116	548	0	2,800
" Scotland,	Mrs. E. E. Keith,	79	36	46	30	5	0	0	46	12	0	0	0	63	0	500
Brimfield,	George H. Streeter,	75	45	37	32	12	9	8	14	15	9	0	30	97	0	1,095
Brockton, 1st,	A. N. Whitney,			325	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	736	736	0	3,500
" So. Campello,	Harold C. Childs,	m725	400	375	215	238	36	52	348	85	40	56	447	1,302	0	15,000
" Porter,	Charles A. Jenney,	m922	531		228	260	0	0	1,170	104	25	0	1,458	3,017	0	6,771
" *Swed.*, Camp.	Charles A. Norling,	137		105	79	0	0	0	143	0	0	0	180	323	0	2,341
" Waldo,	Waldo M. Nash,	260	126		137	10	0	0	0	12	0	0	71	93	0	1,533
Brookfield,	Edward B. Hale,	150	98	90	80	37	53	16	62	49	17	0	110	344	0	1,620
Brookline, Har'd,	E. B. Floyd,	850				7,656	465	368	2,600	871	694	131	3,680	16,465	0	16,000
" Leyden.	Morris A. Hall,	64	47	40	0	100	18	0	115	0	0	0	0	233	0	818
Buckland,	Edmund F. Smith,	118	73	124	52	48	15	5	17	38	7	6	16	152	0	900
Burlington,	Thomas I. Reed,	50	40	50	50	85	0	0	40	0	0	0	20	145	0	1,400
Cambridge, 1st,	George E. Mackintire,	m525	350		175	1,284	0	0	4,575	383	104	0	1,513	7,859	0	9,000
" Prospect st.,	Allyne L. Merrill,	343	225		121	280	95	45	840	75	175	0	150	1,660	0	4,768
" North av.,	James Morrison,	509	320	300	99	480	50	0	686	293	149	159	362	2,179	0	6,809
" Pilgrim,	George B. Caswell,	h518	326	475	194	325	117	54	201	214	50	0	97	1,058	0	4,527
" Wood Mem.	A. Lawrence Ball,	460	273	400	157	10	70	18	63	6	1	2	180	350	0	6,350
" Hope,	John Howorth,	175	114	175	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	1,700
Canton,	Miss Jennie T. Ellis,	129	64	100	80	231	0	0	115	0	60	0	25	431	0	2,221
Carlisle,	Warren B. Chamberlin,	96	47	50	28	9	0	2	27	25	6	0	2	71	0	1,060
Carver, North,	Charlotte Eames,	55	36	54	15	17	6	6	18	35	10	0	28	120	0	510
Charlemont, 1st,	Dea. E. N. Hawkes,	92	61	110	27	21	7	5	25	10	0	0	7	75	0	653
" East,	Everett Packard,	75	39	53	45	92	26	9	19	19	14	3	80	262	0	465
Charlton,	Mrs. Frank O. Wakefield,	45	20	40	61	27	0	0	5	5	4	0	3	44	0	620
Chatham,	Levi Atwood,	83	41	60	50	11	0	0	7	0	0	0	5	23	0	696
Chelmsford, N.,	Dea. Arthur H. Sheldon,	114	66	135	54	16	0	10	23	8	3	0	0	60	596	1,173

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Chelmsford, Central,	1876	A. B. Woodworth,	Ernest C. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'96	'96	27	62	89	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	4	0	0
Chelsea, 1st,	1841	Waldo E. Pratt,	Ross C. Houghton, *p. c.*	'69	'95	92	282	374	56	14	11	25	11	15	8	34	4	5
" Central,	1851	D. Henry Bonner,	Charles E. Jefferson, *p. c.*	'87	'87	168	507	675	100	40	24	64	8	30	1	39	13	10
" 3d,	1877	Jacob Pratt, jr.,	Samuel M. Cathcart, *p.*	'96	'96	44	112	156		0	3	3	5	1	0	6	0	0
Chester, 1st,	1769	Dea. Alfred S. Foote,	Edward C. Haynes, *p.*	'82	'93	13	16	29	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
" 2d,	1844	E. O. Redfield,	Thomas D. Murphy, *p.*	'68	'93	36	78	114	18	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	2	4
Chesterfield,	1764	Mrs. Wm. Baker,	Hanson E. Thygeson, *p.*	'87	'95	31	59	90	10	4	1	5	0	2	4	6	4	0
Chicopee, 1st,	1752	Rev. C. G. Burnham,	Collins G. Burnham, *p. c.*	'79	'88	27	53	80	18	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	1
" Falls,	1830	Arthur B. West,	Hervey G. Pillsbury, *p.c.*	'82	'95	69	116	185	19	0	14	14	5	1	0	6	0	5
" 3d,	1834	James L. Pease,	Charles Pease, *p.*	'96	'94	53	151	204	83	1	3	4	4	4	0	8	1	5
Clinton,	1844	Edward L. Greene,	William W. Jordan, *p. c.*	'84	'93	161	319	480	74	24	15	39	11	5	0	16	10	12
Cohasset,	1824	Warren L. Tower,	E. Victor Bigelow, *p. c.*	'91	'91	30	106	136	15	4	3	7	0	1	0	1	3	3
" Beechwood,	1863		John Wriston, *p.*	'94	'96	5	29	34	13	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0
Coleraine,	1750	Dea. A. H. Temple,	Charles M. Crooks, *p.*	'97	'96	12	30	42	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
Concord,	1826	Ole O. Thorpe,	George A. Tewksbury, *p.*	'63	'91	62	129	191	30	5	6	11	5	4	0	9	1	8
Conway,	1768	Henry W. Billings,	Eugene F. Hunt, *p.*	'84	'95	64	125	189	34	1	7	8	3	2	0	5	1	4
Cummington,	1839	Mrs. Julia Porter,	Joseph W. Strout, *p.*	'86	'94	37	73	110	17	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0
" West,	1840	Mrs G. D. Benjamin,	Joseph W. Strout, *p.*	'86	'94	7	26	33	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dalton,	1785	Dea. Henry A. Barton,	George W. Andrews, *p.*	'82	'83	106	205	311	35	8	10	18	6	3	0	9	3	26
Dana,	1852	Nathaniel L. Johnson,	Harlan Page, *p.*	'83	'93	4	15	19	5	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0
Danvers Centre,	1689	E. A. H. Grover,	Harry C. Adams, *p. c.*	'91	'97	52	142	194	29	3	2	5	6	2	0	8	3	3
" Maple st.,	1844	John S. Learoyd,	Edward C. Ewing, *p. c.*	'63	'83	115	282	397	33	1	0	1	2	4	0	6	0	8
Dartmouth, South,	1807	Wanton H. Gray,	Simeon B. Dunn,	'75	'97	14	34	48	10	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0
Dedham,	1638	Miss Sarah B. Baker,	Joseph B. Seabury, *p. c.*	'75	'85	86	200	286	51	6	4	10	4	4	5	13	2	5
" Islington,	1878	Marcus Haye,	Warren F. Bickford, *p.*	'76	'91	5	17	22	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
Deerfield, South,	1818	Henry A. Field,				58	107	165	25	1	7	8	7	0	0	7	0	2
"	1835	B. Z. Stebbins, jr.,	Andrew Campbell, *p.*	'96	'96	18	47	65	13	1	0	1	2	3	15	20	1	0
Dennis, South,	1817	Miss E. H. Underwood,	J. Sherman Gove,	'93	'97	4	33	37	4	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0
" Union,	1866	Nathan A. Howes,				7	32	39	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dighton, North,	1710	Dea. Geo. E. Gooding,	Granville Yager, *p.*	'78	'95	18	40	58	10	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0
Douglas,	1747	Laura E. Balcom,				6	30	36	9	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
" East,	1834	Edwin Moore,	William T. Briggs, *p. c. em.*	'46	'66	34	77	111	20	2	4	6	5	8	0	13	2	0
Dover,	1839	George L. Howe,	Edwin Leonard, *p.*	'52	'92	22	26	48	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Dracut, 1st,	1721	James S. Thomson,	Ernest L. Baker, *p. c.*	'94	'94	12	48	60	7	5	0	5	0	1	3	4	4	3
" Central,	1847	Wm. H. Stickney,	Fredcric I. Kelley,	'89	'97	37	47	84	17	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	2	0
Dudley,	1732	Dea. Wm. H. Upham,	William E. Morse, *p.*	'84	'94	22	58	80	22	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0
Dunstable,	1757	Lyman V. Parkhurst,	Bartlett H. Weston, *p.*	'90	'91	25	48	73	8	1	6	7	1	1	0	2	1	1
Duxbury,	1843	John H. Haverstock,	Solomon G. Merrick, *p.*	'86	'95	12	59	71	12	4	4	8	1	0	0	1	4	0
East Bridgewater,	1826	James T. Allen,	Frank H. Palmer, *p.*	'80	'93	44	61	105	23	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0
Easthampton, 1st,	1785	H. L. Lyman,	Sumner G. Wood, *p. c.*	'80	'89	99	236	335	51	4	8	12	3	6	1	10	3	10

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Chelmsford, Cen'l	Samuel Hagerman,	1 25	78	78	53	59	0	22	35	0	0	0	40	156	0	1,445
Chelsea, 1st,	Arthur C. Stone,	685	373	50	142	362	0	5	463	10	20	0	864	1,724	525	7,542
" Central,	George H. Buck,	h1,096	494	750	165	302	230	43	1,028	218	34	166	600	2,621	0	14,159
" 3d,	Henry A. Tenney, **Everett,**	305	150		83	19	4	8	0	16	0	5	0	52	0	2,287
Chester, 1st,	Rev. Edward C. Haynes,	35	19	20	0	8	1	0	7	9	2	0	0	27	0	250
" 2d,	F. H. Mixer,	190	102	90	84	4	0	0	19	6	6	0	67	102	0	1,176
Chesterfield,	William H. Baker,	80	48	100	43	62	2	7	12	6	0	8	2	99	600	1,000
Chicopee, 1st,	Rev. C. G. Burnham,	75	41	45	0	103	26	14	55	30	2	4	40	274	0	1,186
" Falls,	Fred M. Nichols,	189	123	155	40	121	29	31	343	57	44	11	384	1,020	0	3,100
" 3d,	Clarence A. Brodeur,	134	98	100	50	38	7	0	900	77	12	20	200	1,254	0	3,000
Clinton,	Edward W. Breed,	624	439	350	186	409	250	2	279	153	18	15	858	2,010	0	4,294
Cohasset,	Philander Bates,	150	85	130	100	166	10	0	135	30	24	0	50	415	0	4,053
" Beechwood,	Mrs. Salome A. Litchfield,	65	50	50	51	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	5	12	0	
Coleraine,	L. Griswold, **Griswoldville,**	35	22	70	0	11	0	0	6	0	0	0	14	31	0	728
Concord,	Charles H. Towle,	237	143	185	83	329	64	27	360	299	47	83	188	1,397	0	4,116
Conway,	Dea. E. W. Hamilton,	144	96	90	41	32	20	16	57	32	11	12	72	252	0	1,600
Cummington,	Mrs. Charles Streeter,	125	93	80	51	18	3	4	24	20	5	0	0	74	500	2,400
" West,	A. N. Hubbard,	26	20	40	30	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	5	15	0	225
Dalton,	Payson E. Little,	347	233	260	180	2,202	1,345	157	1,741	791	187	172	1,001	7,596	0	3,676
Dana,	Forest A. Hicks, **Nichewaug,**	40	18	33	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	209
Danvers Centre,	E. A. H. Grover,	196	119	165	50	177	38	10	222	79	15	0	35	576	0	2,202
" Maple st.,	George W. Fiske,	678	342	290	196	624	154	221	611	374	83	27	349	2,443	0	4,130
Dartmouth, So.,	E. B. Sturtevant,	70	40	110	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200
Dedham,	James Y. Noyes,	212	144	203	75	667	139	99	927	171	101	56	336	2,496	0	4,164
" Islington,	Rev. W. F. Bickford,	39	27	32	19	6	0	2	6	6	1	0	19	40	0	613
Deerfield, South,	Arthur G. Clapp,	206	88	120	50	141	19	24	55	81	17	5	46	388	0	1,728
"	John J. Greenough,	48	29	40	43	15	0	0	17	6	0	0	0	38	0	1,250
Dennis, South,	William E. Baker,	50	30	60	38	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	0	256
" Union,	Nathan A. Howes,	90	45		46	8	0	0	0	10	0	0	15	33	0	700
Dighton, North,	Rev. Joseph E. Sears,	94	55	50	25	104	0	0	44	212	0	0	250	610	0	1,000
Douglas,	Laura E. Balcom,	35	30		27	5	6	0	15	15	30	0	5	76	0	200
" East,	Walter E. Harris,	128	75	100	77	120	2	6	79	36	11	5	8	267	0	1,339
Dover,	George L. Howe,	58	35	43	43	9	0	4	10	3	0	0	20	46	0	549
Dracut, 1st,	Dea. Charles L. Hodge,	148	76	100	49	19	2	1	12	12	2	2	5	55	0	1,200
" Central,	Calvin Richardson,	166	110	65	44	34	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	46	0	900
Dudley,	Clarence A. Jacobs,	151	71	70	63	11	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	37	0	1,071
Dunstable,	Dea. George A. Glover,	110	53	50	45	160	9	7	48	30	18	0	37	309	0	910
Duxbury,	Miss S. B. Higgins,	112	53	105	48	40	9	8	26	3	14	0	100	200	0	1,113
E. Bridgewater,	James T. Allen,	71	47		53	15	9	0	6	11	24	3	58	126	0	1,450
Easthampton, 1st,	H. G. Porter,	380	163	200	109	218	77	78	292	169	0	0	69	903	0	3,013

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Easthampton, Payson,	1852	Charles H. Johnson,	Charles H. Hamlin, *p. c.*	'77	'85	129	338	467	75	3	2	5	7	7	0	14	1	20
East Longmeadow,	1829	Arthur G. Crane,	John A. Hughes, *p.*	'93	'96	35	63	98	29	0	4	4	1	8	0	9	0	0
Easton,	1725	Dea. E. B. Hayward,*a*	Augustus H. Fuller, *p.*	'78	'92	50	104	154	19	4	2	6	3	6	14	23	2	2
" *Swedish*, North,	1883	William Borg,	Emil Holmblad, *p.*	'84	'92	24	18	42	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	6	0	3
Edgartown,	1642	Theo. S. Winpenny,	Duncan McDermid,	'86	'97	20	56	76	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Egremont, South,	1816	Roscoe C. Taft,	Bruce W. Cronmiller, *p.*	'92	'96	27	64	91	24	6	1	7	2	3	0	5	10	2
Enfield,	1789	Henry E. Brown,	George H. Hubbard, *p.*	'84	'96	71	150	221	43	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	0	1
Erving,	1832	Rev. J. W. Brownville,	John W. Brownville, *p.*	'73	'92	20	42	62	14	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0
Essex,	1683	Rufus Choate,	William J. Murray, *p.*	'79	'96	31	98	129	13	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	1	0
Everett, 1st,	1848	Franklin Peirce,				144	245	389	63	5	18	23	7	27	0	34	3	10
" Courtland st.,	1891	Geo. R. P. Nichols,	Richard H. McGown, *p.*	'82	'95	17	22	39	6	0	0	0	0	4	14	18	0	3
" Mystic Side,	1893	J. E. Higgins, Malden,	Albert Watson, *p. c.*	'71	'93	45	87	132	15	9	6	15	1	7	0	8	3	4
Fairhaven,	1794	Tucker Damon,				34	91	125	12	1	0	1	6	2	0	8	0	1
Fall River, 1st,	1816		William W. Adams, *p. c.*	'60	'63	59	185	244	28	5	2	7	1	2	0	3	4	4
" Central,	1842	James W. Brigham,	—*b*			183	355	538	75	10	9	19	15	5	0	20	5	37
" Fowler,	1874	Walter E. Tripp,	Payson W. Lyman, *p. c.*	'71	'88	18	70	88	22	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
" *French*,	1886	Joseph Adam,	Samuel P. Rondeau, *p.*	'92	'96	27	31	58	2	8	0	8	0	2	0	2	7	0
" Broadway,	1894	Holden Baldwin,	Henry G. Megathlin, *p. c.*	'96	'96	16	62	78	15	9	3	12	0	7	5	12	0	8
Falmouth, 1st,	1708	Dea. George E. Clark,	Chas. H. Washburn, *p. c.*	'85	'90	42	115	157	36	7	6	13	4	0	0	4	1	3
" East,	1821	Dea. Wm. W. Eldridge,	Henry K. Craig, *p.*	'55	'93	16	36	52	11	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
" North,	1833	Dea. Jas. M. Witherell,	Ezra N. Smith, *p.*	'72	'90	18	39	57	13	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0
" Waquoit,	1849	John B. Fisher,	Henry K. Craig, *p.*	'55	'93	17	36	53	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Woods Holl,	1880	Mrs. J. W. Bowles,	George S. Dodge, *p.*	'93	'93	15	22	37	12	10	1	11	0	2	0	2	9	0
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	1768	Harry A. Hill,	George R. Hewitt, *p.*	'86	'94	158	279	437	113	3	14	17	2	13	0	15	1	2
" Rollstone,	1868	Frank C. Hoyt,	William O. Conrad, *p. c.*	'90	'96	177	369	546	85	6	13	19	5	12	0	17	3	1
" *German*,	1889	Christian Moeckel,	S. Herman Schwab, *p.*	'89	'88	18	57	75		5	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	15
" *Swedish*,	1892	Evald Remgren,				45	69	114	8	27	1	28	0	5	1	6	0	31
Foxboro',	1779	Dea. Horace Carpenter,	James W. Flagg, *p.*	'82	'93	68	187	255	49	23	6	29	8	8	0	16	13	3
Framingham,	1701	Rev. L. R. Eastman,	Lucius R. Eastman, *p. c.*	'62	'71	76	197	273	23	9	2	11	5	3	0	8	7	4
" Saxonville,	1833	Dea. J. B. Johnson,	George A. Brock, *p. c.*	'91	'91	37	115	152	37	4	2	6	6	0	0	6	3	3
" South,	1873	Fred L. Oakes,	Frederick E. Emrich, *p. c.*	'75	'89	137	254	391	49	14	14	28	3	8	2	13	8	11
Franklin, 1st,	1738	Dea. J. Herbert Baker,	Charles W. Longren, *p.*	'87	'94	90	230	320	68	25	5	30	5	4	0	9	16	7
" South,	1855	Mrs. Abby Wadsworth,				4	12	16	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Freetown, Assonet,	1807	Gilbert M. Nichols,	Franklin K. Beem, *p.*	'95	'95	7	17	24	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Gardner,	1786	H. H. Smith, W. G.,	Burton S. Gilman, *p. c.*	'97	'97	132	258	390	50	13	14	27	6	7	0	13	13	0
Georgetown, 1st,	1732	Mrs. H. H. Noyes,	Henry R. McCartney, *p.c.*	'87	'91	34	97	131	32	3	1	4	5	0	0	5	2	0
" Memorial,	1864	Dea. Henry Hilliard,	C. Julian Tuthill, *p.*	'94	'95	37	82	119	22	1	3	4	2	3	1	5	1	1
Gill,	1796	Mrs. E. L. S. Moore,	[Miss Bella W. Hume,]		'96	12	22	34	7	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	1
Gloucester, West,	1716	Joshua E. Roberts,	Temple Cutler, *p.*	'61	'95	20	30	50	9	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	0
" Trinity,	1829	John J. Pew,	Rufus P. Hibbard, *p. c.*	'68	'88	82	240	322	32	4	5	9	3	6	0	9	1	8

a Eastondale. *b* Edwin A. Buck, asst. pastor, '54, '67. Feeding Hills, *see* Agawam. Florence, *see* Northampton. Gilbertville, *see* Hardwick.

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Easthamp'n, P'n,	Robert G. Leavitt,	261	181	200	99	443	56	67	612	150	25	19	103	1,475	0	3,839
E. Longmeadow,	F. C. Davis,	115	77	70	48	57	2	0	15	6	12	1	17	110	0	800
Easton,	Edward B. Hayward,	m330	180	250	106	146	17	13	138	43	30	9	98	494	0	1,400
" S., North,	William Borg,	100	75	50	0	13	0	2	24	0	0	0	5	44	0	619
Edgartown,	Mrs. H. R. F. Shepard,	60	38	50	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	750
Egremont, South,	C. G. Dalzell,	103	60	50		13	9	7	10	16	11	2	13	81	0	2,379
Enfield,	R. Lewis Thayer, Smith's,	200	123	150	48	156	21	42	376	201	36	0	199	1,031	17,750	1,607
Erving,	W. W. Brown,	128	68	121	52	0	0	0	9	6	0	0	26	41	0	600
Essex,	David L. Haskell,	184	103	138	94	14	0	0	16	48	0	0	135	213	0	1,700
Everett, 1st,	George S. Marshall,	h1,010	440	475	132	120	23	21	118	54	45	19	178	578	0	4,316
" Courtland st.	John M. Finch,	127	91	120	45	3	0	0	7	0	0	0	20	30	0	689
" Mystic Side,	Fred H. Mowers,	330	172	183	36	63	9	8	29	16	0	5	113	243	400	3,039
Fairhaven,	Robert W. Taber,	150	90	148	65	206	13	0	81	0	5	0	0	305	0	1,500
Fall River, 1st,	G. Frank Allen,	276	173	185	147	941	1,311	178	2,106	65	124	0	10,560	15,285	0	7,218
" Cen'l,	Clinton V. S. Remington,	930	572	450	113	1,433	116	109	1,773	322	109	0	1,718	5,580	0	10,000
" Fowler,	Frederick W. Lawson,	145	100	75	35	50	13	7	20	26	25	0	64	205	0	1,480
" *French*,	Rev. S. P. Rondeau,	65	37	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104
" Broadway,	William H. Ives,	80	58	20	50	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	270
Falmouth, 1st,	Seba A. Holton,	143	76	125	51	111	15	15	180	39	32	0	30	422	100	1,796
" East,	Dea. W. W. Eldridge,	27	13	16	18	15	3	0	5	0	1	1	4	29	0	480
" North,	Dea. Silas Hatch,	50	35	30	18	53	0	0	22	5	5	0	27	112	0	1,040
" Waquoit,	Alexander Crocker,	16		33	0	29	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	39	0	
" Woods Holl,	Willis C. Gifford,	50	35	23	74	3	0	0	13	4	0	0	30	50	0	525
Fitchburg, Calv.	Dea. A. C. Brown,	300	160	350	125	212	34	85	375	326	20	20	417	1,489	0	65,000
" Rollstone,	Charles A. Tilton,	530	307	400	169	207	20	7	544	90	25	10	293	1,196	0	4,515
" *German*,	Rev. S. H. Schwab,	140	93	72	30	0	20	0	10	0	0	0	14	44	0	480
" *Swedish*,	John P. Ohlson,	107	90	50	47	25	0	0	9	0	0	0	193	227	0	1,868
Foxboro',	Benjamin F. Boyden, 2d,	295	165	193	101	384	46	9	339	60	78	9	56	981	0	6,255
Framingham,	George E. Fay,	145	69	140	49	566	0	27	966	421	59	0	19	2,058	475	2,491
" Saxonville,	Arthur E. Winch,	123	85	130	74	79	5	10	53	8	5	11	627	798	100	1,400
" South,	John P. Freese,	456	269	300	182	1,919	136	41	372	573	49	0	1,187	4,277	0	5,500
Franklin, 1st,	William H. Colby,	225	162	200	116	197	7	36	89	97	5	0	96	527	0	10,714
" South,	N. B. Arnold,	22	17		13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	115
Freetown, Ass't,	Miss Florence M. Dean,	0	0	17	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	209
Gardner,	C. C. Rathburn,	400	197	375	174	165	220	31	421	88	12	7	574	1,518	0	5,000
Georgetown, 1st,	Edwin S. Daniels,	62	62	145	0	57	0	8	217	31	5	0	7	325	0	1,750
" Memorial,	Lewis H. Giles,	180	68	147	0	103	81	8	154	17	5	0	55	423	0	1,835
Gill,	Henry J. Moore,	35	30	20	25	0	2	0	13	32	1	0	0	48	0	408
Gloucester, West,	John R. Cook,	70	40	50	0	0	0	0	17	15	0	0	0	32	0	
" Trinity,	John Cunningham,	555	343	380	110	670	57	81	279	133	35	28	1,426	2,709	400	6,467

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Gloucester, **Lanesville,**	1830	Francis Reid,	Frank H. Reed, *p. c.*	'86	'85	36	82	118	32	0	1	1	1	1	0	−2	0	0
" **Magnolia,**	1887	George A. Upton,	James E. Enman, *p. c.*	'95	'95	10	20	30	5	3	2	5	1	0	0	+1	3	0
Goshen,	1780	C. Nelson Slaw,	John E. Bowman, *p.*	'95	'96	23	35	58		0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
Grafton,	1731	H. Catherine Allen,	Benjamin A. Robie, *p.*	'66	'84	37	102	139	25	4	3	7	2	5	12	19	1	0
" **Saundersville,**	1860	William E. Fowler,	David Howie, *p.*	'89	'93	38	69	107	30	7	11	18	1	6	0	7	2	1
Granby,	1762	A. L. Blackmer,	Robert C. Bell, *p.*	'69	'92	76	131	207	27	1	3	4	2	6	0	8	0	4
Granville, East,	1747	Mrs. J. W. Johnson,	[Wallace H. Stearns, *Lic.*]		'97	13	31	44	13	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0
" **West,**	1781	Rev. S. B. Andrews,	Samuel B. Andrews, *p.*	'68	'96	24	34	58	27	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
Great Barrington,	1743	Joseph W. Curtis,	Leon D. Bliss, *p. c.*	'89	'96	85	183	268	41	11	20	31	8	8	22	38	6	6
" **Housatonic,**	1841	Thomas E. Brown,	Arthur J. Benedict, *p.*	'75	'92	56	126	182	23	19	4	23	4	14	1	19	7	4
Greenfield, 1st,	1754	Chas. W. Dinsmore,	Carey H. Watson, *p.*	'91	'90	29	52	81	23	5	0	5	4	0	0	4	5	2
" 2d,	1817	Solon L. Newton,	G. Glenn Atkins, *p.*	'95	'94	94	214	308	45	7	11	18	1	9	0	10	4	4
Greenwich,	1749	Walter H. Glazier,	Lawrence Perry, *p.*	'94	'94	24	78	102	19	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	2	0
Groton,	1664	Dea. D. P. Keyes,	Louis B. Voorhees, *p. c.*	'71	'93	58	127	185	39	1	6	7	4	6	0	10	0	0
Groveland,	1727	Dea. W. B. Ladd,	Alexander Sloan, *p. c.*	'97	'97	26	77	103	11	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	0
Hadley, 1st,	1659	M. S. Pierce,	Edward E. Keedy, *p.*	'94	'94	60	116	176	40	1	3	4	2	2	0	4	0	0
" 2d, **North,**	1831	O. W. Prouty,	John W. Lane, *p. c.*	'60	'77	57	76	133	44	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	1
Halifax,	1734	Miss M. J. Danforth,				15	38	53	10	5	0	5	0	4	0	4	1	0
Hamilton,	1714	Joseph P. Lovering,	Jesse G. Nichols, *p. c.*	'94	'94	34	70	104	34	7	1	8	3	0	0	3	4	0
Hampden.	1785	Dea. A. B. Newell,	[James B. Sargent, *Lic.*]		'97	23	46	69	14	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	0	2
Hanover, **West,**	1728	Francis B. Ellis,	Edward D. Disbrow, *p.*	'92	'95	16	52	68	6	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	2	1
" **Four Corners,**	1854	Henry B. Barstow,	John Wild, *p.*	'92	'92	13	29	42	8	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1
Hanson,	1748	Miss E. F. Thomas,	Charles S. Bates, *p.*	'90	'96	9	29	38	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Hardwick,	1736	Rev. Harlan Page,	Harlan Page, *p.*	'83	'91	11	35	46	3	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	2	0
" **Gilbertville,**	1867	Alfred H. Richardson,	Dwight C. Stone, *p. c.*	'88	'95	48	76	124	31	4	4	8	2	10	0	12	0	6
Harvard,	1821	Dea. J. W. Bacon,	Charles C. Torrey, *p.*	'55	'86	30	44	74	12	0	4	4	3	1	0	3	1	0
Harwich,	1747	Wm. H. Underwood,	George Y. Washburn,	'82	'97	6	30	36	7	4	1	5	0	1	0	1	3	0
" **Port,**	1855		Edward T. Ford, *p. c.*	'97	'97													
Hatfield,	1671	James Porter,	Robert M. Woods, *p. c.*	'77	'76	98	182	280	31	5	0	5	7	5	0	12	1	4
Haverhill, West,	1735	Edward Webster,	John N. Lowell, *p. c.*	'77	'80	56	85	141	36	2	0	2	3	3	0	6	0	3
" 4th,	1744	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	7	15	22	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
" Centre,	1833	Charles N. Dyer,	Calvin M. Clark, *p. c.*	'90	'93	118	319	437	35	7	13	20	5	9	0	14	4	10
" North,	1859	George C. Howe,	George H. Reed, *p. c. a*	'87	'91	130	376	506		4	4	8	10	1	1	12	0	0
" Riverside	1884	Arthur T. Brown,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	20	55	75	6	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	9
" Union,	1891	Charles A. Wentworth,	George Benedict, *p. c.*	'83	'92	25	68	93		4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	2
" St. John's, *French,*	'93	Edward Thain,				7	6	13	1	1	5	6	0	5	1	6	0	2
Hawley,	1778	Mrs. Florence Bissell,	John A. Pogue, *p. c.*	'96	'96	21	33	54	11	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
" **West,**	1825	Willis Vincent,	Thomas S. Robie, *p.*	'59	'96	24	31	55	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Hingham,	1847	Mrs. Wm. A. Vining,				39	68	107	13	5	2	7	1	1	1	3	1	2
" Bethany, **Nantasket,**	1891	Miss N. A. Richardson,	Cecil Harper, *p.*	'79	'92	6	16	22	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hinsdale,	1795	James Hosmer,	James H. Laird, *p. c.*	'64	'83	73	126	199	61	4	2	6	7	16	0	23	3	4
Holbrook,	1856	Seth C. Sawyer,	Warren F. Low, *p. c.*	'94	'94	75	177	252	37	0	0	0	4	4	1	9	0	0

a Arthur S. Burrill, assist. p., '96, '97.

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Gloucester, L'v'le	J. H. Andrews,	165	81	120	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,025
" Magnolia,	Robert W. Boyde,	60	34	52	40	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	8	0	950
Goshen,	August D. Cordtsen,	58	35	30	20	4	0	0	10	0	0	0	35	49	0	750
Grafton,	William Loynd,	144	81	103	79	191	20	0	121	41	0	0	230	603	0	2,178
" Somerville,	William E. Fowler,	186	118	109	104	39	0	10	210	3	20	0	52	334	0	3,737
Granby,	A. L. Blackmer,	167	80	89	85	62	78	13	91	43	16	5	102	410	0	2,932
Granville, East,	Edward F. Roberts,	35	19	43	14	53	0	0	0	18	0	0	5	76	0	228
" West,	Frank L. Ives,	25	17	34	7	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	331
Great Barrington	Edward J. Van Lennep,	185	131	175	123	74	113	0	275	86	13	39	220	820	0	3,059
" Housatonic,	Thomas E. Brown,	225	155	125	75	232	70	15	205	69	27	9	260	887	0	2,200
Greenfield, 1st,	Charles W. Dinsmore,	90	48	74	25	20	0	0	77	10	11	0	7	125	100	1,363
" 2d,	George H. Kaulback,	289	211	400	106	231	62	62	640	165	77	54	299	1,590	0	4,100
Greenwich,	W. H. Glazier,	70	53	50	32	34	0	0	77	30	10	0	5	156	0	600
Groton,	Rev. Henry H. Gay,	112	61	110	30	318	274	0	364	649	50	0	20	1,675	0	1,934
Groveland,	Charles S. Huntress,	128	94	250	25	60	14	16	38	25	5	0	34	192	0	1,250
Hadley, 1st,	M. S. Pierce,	140	87	98	50	205	19	5	78	30	10	24	0	371	0	1,350
" 2d, North,	John W. Clark,	90	51	70	57	9	0	0	31	37	0	0	64	141	0	905
Halifax,	James T. Thomas,	40	25	70	53	18	0	0	10	0	5	0	0	33	0	400
Hamilton,	Joseph P. Lovering,	129	55	160	88	48	0	0	12	93	11	0	40	207	50	1,477
Hampden,	A. B. Newell,	50	26	50	10	40	0	0	3	5	4	0	0	52	0	1,187
Hanover, West,	James Richmond,	101	45	80	61	17	0	0	14	0	0	0	20	51	0	850
" Four Corners,	Israel Hatch,	56	34	50	27	44	3	1	12	9	2	2	10	83	0	633
Hanson,	Miss M. A. Carr,	102	39	125	76	46	5	9	22	7	5	4	26	124	0	781
Hardwick,	Frank W. Kimball,	53	32	80	27	5	0	0	5	0	4	0	20	34	0	1,000
" Gilbertville,	Elmer M. Marsh,	247	205	150	45	191	105	57	232	71	63	10	50	779	0	1,828
Harvard,	Dea. J. W. Bacon,	95	55	50	50	93	7	4	22	12	12	0	90	240	0	1,100
Harwich,	Cyrenus S. Hunt,	83	52	65	42	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	52	36	910
" Port,																
Hatfield,	Samuel F. Billings,	155	128	125	81	251	84	45	492	48	14	0	468	1,402	0	2,069
Haverhill, West,	Dea. F. A. Russell,	147	71	100	65	65	9	21	75	126	21	5	65	387	0	1,379
" 4th,	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	30	18	41	0	6	25	2	35	15	3	0	450	536	0	492
" Centre,	George W. W. Bartlett,	450	220	400	156	248	169	58	404	206	24	0	128	1,237	0	5,000
" North,	Edward G. Frothingham,	410	250	575		114	0	0	175	92	0	0	1,467	1,848	0	4,500
" Riverside,	A. W. Brown,	275	142	218	108	4	0	5	11	6	0	0	22	48	0	1,135
" Union,	Albert C. Brickett,	275	156	200	112	43	11	0	36	50	5	5	22	172	0	2,313
" St. John's, *Fr.*		28	18	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	70
Hawley,	Enos Harmon,	64	38	40	22	50	0	0	43	6	7	0	10	116	0	400
" West,	Clarence C. Fuller,	45	29	26	40	13	0	0	6	5	2	0	10	36	0	350
Hingham,	George E. Kimball,	134	72	85	133	31	10	0	6	0	15	0	79	141	0	1,500
" Bethany,	H. D. Beale,	40	30	40	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	6	0	600
Hinsdale,	Alden H. Peirce,	175	112	100	100	217	56	30	304	95	0	10	113	825	0	2,215
Holbrook,	Dea. Leonard Belcher,	h309	130	215	0	443	123	119	478	358	26	50	308	1,910	0	3,032

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Holden,	1742	Miss Nancy Perry,	Thomas E. Babb, *p.*	'69	'92	39	65	104	21	1	1	2	3	2	11	16	1	0
Holland,	1765	Mrs. W. L. Webber,	Josiah G. Willis, *p.*	'76	'96	7	25	32	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Holliston,	1728	Dea. Wm. Daniels,	Nicholas Vander Pyl, *p. c.*	'93	'95	79	193	272	48	1	3	4	3	7	0	10	1	0
Holyoke, 1st,	1799	John K. Judd,	George W. Winch, *p. c.*	'75	'88	83	169	252	17	13	11	24	4	3	0	7	11	6
" 2d,	1849	Jeremiah N. Hubbard,	Edward A. Reed, *p. c.*	'71	'86	285	634	919	117	33	24	57	13	21	20	54	14	38
" *French*,	1886	George Robert, M. D.,	Charles H. Vessot, *p.*	'92	'93	11	13	24	0	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	0	1
Hopkinton,	1724	Dea. J. C. Adams,	Theodore J. Holmes, *p. c.*	'59	'93	79	150	229	64	0	0	0	4	8	0	12	0	2
Hubbardston,	1770	Miss Lizzie N. Smart,				21	50	71	22	0	5	5	1	1	0	2	0	0
Hudson,	1889	Almon W. Aldrich,	Almon J. Rackliffe, *p.*	'82	'94	30	68	98	15	10	14	24	2	1	1	4	7	2
Huntington, 1st, Norwich,	1778	Dea. C. H. Kirkland,	Wilbur Rand, *p.*	'83	'95	27	43	70	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
" 2d,	1846	C. Winthrop Jones,	Webster L. Hendrick, *p.*	'89	'94	38	88	126	26	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	4
Hyde Park,	1863	Arthur H. Burt,				234	468	702	102	46	19	65	9	47	0	56	22	7
" Clarendon Hills,	1880	George Jeffers,				33	52	85	10	14	10	24	2	1	0	3	12	12
Ipswich, 1st,	1634	Dea. Geo. H. Cogswell,	Edward Constant, *p.*	'83	'92	30	113	143	15	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	4
" South,	1747	Joseph I. Horton,	T. Frank Waters, *p. c.*	'76	'79	27	123	150	24	1	1	2	5	5	0	10	0	0
" Linebrook,	1749	Dea. J. H. Tenney,	William P. Alcott, *p. c.*	'68	'86	26	28	54	9	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
Kingston,	1828	Mrs. E. R. Laporte,	Zenas Crowell, *p. c.*	'77	'86	18	62	80	20	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	0
Lakeville,	1725	Dea. Charles F. Paull,	Hiram E. Johnson, *p.*	'59	'96	39	36	75	18	2	3	5	1	2	0	3	2	0
" Union Grove,	1877		Leslie B. Withee, *p.*	'89	'96	1	4	5	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
Lancaster,	1839	Horatio Bailey,	Charles S. Haynes, *p. c.*	'94	'96	41	66	107	28	0	2	2	1	8	0	9	0	0
Lanesboro',	1764	Dea. Wm. A. Fuller, *a*	[George W. Love, *Meth.*]		'95	3	9	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence, Lawrence st.,	1847	Albert I. Couch,	William E. Wolcott, *p. c.*	'81	'85	127	289	416	100	0	0	0	6	6	0	12	0	0
" South,	1868	John H. Gilman,	Edward A. Chase, *p. c.*	'84	'89	45	100	145	38	6	7	13	2	0	0	2	1	0
" Riverside,	1878	John W. Mozeen,	Henry E. Oxnard, *p. c.*	'94	'96	32	84	116	25	11	1	12	1	5	0	6	5	9
" Trinity,	1883	Edwin Fletcher,	Frederick H. Page, *p. c.*	'93	'96	122	281	403	62	6	10	16	5	8	0	13	4	3
" United,	1886	Christopher Warburton				27	64	91	7	1	10	11	1	0	12	13	0	2
Lee,	1780	Dea. Chas. H. Sabin,	Lyman S. Rowland, *p. c.*	'64	'77	159	282	441	90	9	10	19	8	8	0	16	8	12
Leicester,	1719	J. C. Watson,	David C. Reid, *p. c.*	'84	'94	79	129	208	42	1	2	3	3	3	0	6	0	0
Lenox,	1769	Dea. Henry Sedgwick,	Edward Day, *p. c.*	'86	'90	59	96	155	30	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	1
Leominster,	1822	Chas. E. Woodward,	George R. W. Scott, *p.*	'68	'93	154	317	471	57	14	21	35	7	7	0	14	13	4
" North,	1874	Mrs. Emma G. Hall,	James M. Bell, *p.*	'58	'93	17	47	64	4	5	2	7	0	0	11	11	5	0
Leverett,	1774	Cephas F. Frary,				62	71	133	38	5	1	6	1	3	2	6	1	1
" Moore's Corner,	1896	Miss E. Dutcher, N. Lev.	[John C. Wightman, *Lic.*]		'95	12	16	28	1	26	2	28	0	0	0	0	26	0
Lexington,	1868	Edmund C. Whitney,	Charles F. Carter, *p. c.*	'83	'96	67	130	197	40	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	1	2
Lincoln,	1747	George L. Chapin,	Edward E. Bradley, *p. c*	'93	'93	30	49	79	21	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	3
Littleton,	1840	John W. Thacher,	Amelia A. Frost, *p. c.*	'94	'95	39	69	108	19	5	6	11	1	3	0	4	4	0
Longmeadow,	1716	Edward P. Tabor,	Stephen G. Barnes, *p. c.*	'81	'91	44	122	166	24	5	5	10	6	2	0	8	1	3
Lowell, Pawtucket,	1797	Dea. John J. Colton,	Willis D. Leland, *p. c.*	'80	'93	48	107	155	19	4	8	12	1	4	0	5	1	4
" 1st,	1826	Dea. Andrew Liddell,	[Samuel M. Dick, *Meth.*]	'96	'96	229	651	880	200	5	2	7	13	19	0	32	4	9
" Eliot,	1830	Frank W. Corey,	John M. Greene, *p. c.*	'57	'70	116	300	416	83	21	6	27	11	4	18	33	10	2

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Holden,		Frank J. Knowlton,	133	68	130	55	53	10	8	21	15	8	0	0	4	119	0	1,609			
Holland,		Freeman B. Blodgett,	45	25	31	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	300			
Holliston,		George E. W. Brooks,	207	134	220	60	210	15	14	154	53	30	0	1	602	0	0	3,309			
Holyoke, 1st,		Roland T. Oakes,	495	299	330	120	293	75	34	406	154	68	235	1,2	2,952	0	0	5,320			
"	2d,	Alfred H. Morton,	961	603	540	157	1,719	229	13,877	3,988	219	54	52	18,557	38,695	0	0	10,459			
"	*French*,	Rev. C. H. Vessot,	20	15	28	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	10	30	0	0	25			
Hopkinton,		A. G. Brewer,	248	160	160	78	208	63	44	161	68	37	35	0	616	0	0	2,508			
Hubbardston,		H. F. Burdon,	63	34	44	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Hudson,		Milton T. Bailey,	176	105	81	0	0	5	0	5	5	3	0	25	43	0					
Huntington, 1st,		James B. Lyman,	70	44	40	25	14	0	0	0	29	3	0	0	46	12	350				
"	2d,	Dwight Stowell,	130	50	70	30	19	0	0	16	12	0	0	20	67	0	1,056				
Hyde Park,		Dr. Joseph K. Knight,	926	462	550	239	1,003	313	299	1,041	256	145	56	1,720	4,833	0	10,059				
"	Cl. Hills,	Henry L. Johnson,	259	130	125	84	10	20	0	61	90	11	0	45	237	0	1,094				
Ipswich, 1st,		Rev. E. Constant,	150	81	150	85	160	32	10	191	116	31	0	40	580	0					
"	South,	Frank T. Goodhue,	165	86		64	429	35	35	152	150	25	10	266	1,102	0	1,852				
"	Linebrook,	Albert F. Tenney,	45	20	35	25	57	0	0	23	13	4	0	65	162	0	550				
Kingston,		F. B. McLauthlin,	92	50	78	40	160	20	15	39	26	35	5	0	300	0	1,500				
Lakeville,		Thomas P. Paull,	80	43	65	18	87	0	0	61	7	8	0	0	163	0	900				
"	Un. Grove,		14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,015				
Lancaster,		William H. Sargent,	95	48	96	26	1,164	22	27	80	147	28	0	13	1,481	0	1,529				
Lanesboro',		Lillian Reed,	m42	32	26	16	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	350				
Lawrence,		Louzo S. Crosby,	370	200	350	125	116	15	15	1,155	160	40	110	100	1,711	0	4,500				
"	South,	Herbert B. Merrick,	250	140	185	35	6	7	0	0	8	0	0	18	39	0	11,675				
"	Riverside,	Rev. Henry E. Oxnard,	186	130	54	37	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	1,220				
"	Trinity,	George L. Selden,	359	241	300	60	147	25	28	240	38	12	0	355	845	0	5,370				
"	United,	George W. Murray,	135	100	41	60	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	1,729				
Lee,		Edward S. Rogers,	245	161	200	130	1,089	85	40	712	371	100	907	0	3,304	0	3,245				
Leicester,		Corwin F. Palmer,	160	88		72	215	125	18	501	188	25	15	18	1,105	0	2,876				
Lenox,		Henry Sedgwick,	125	82	78	78	216	48	15	207	250	0	0	50	786	0	3,100				
Leominster,		Walter N. Howe,	400	263	275	169	534	8	48	584	119	122	0	284	1,699	0	4,699				
"	North,	Emory F. Burrage,	138	77	75	35	71	6	20	36	58	0	10	40	241	0	1,700				
Leverett,		C. Hall Beaman,	145	78	80	30	24	0	1	42	71	0	0	0	138	23	440				
"	Moore's Cor.	Francis S. Colton, N. Leverett,	51	40	55	0	1	0	2	7	1	1	0	0	12	0	270				
Lexington,		Frederick L. Emery,	182	117	130	90	275	125	50	258	140	0	0	0	848	0	4,756				
Lincoln,		George L. Chapin,	65	40	80	37	309	0	0	79	184	10	0	20	602	0	1,500				
Littleton,		George W. Canney,	100	55	56	44	25	12	6	44	26	9	4	400	526	0	1,300				
Longmeadow,		Frank B. Allen,	163	89	104	53	354	43	34	142	71	28	19	296	987	0	2,363				
Lowell, Pt.,		Charles F. Miles,	235	142	150	132	27	0	16	278	42	12	0	182	557	400	1,860				
"	1st,	Justin H. Kimball,	288	186	200	118	16	0	0	38	50	0	0	96	200	0	3,328				
"	Eliot,	John H. Haworth,	512	241	315	149	152	30	21	650	35	90	0	650	1,628	0	6,950				

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Lowell, John st.,	1839	Wm. H. G. Wight,	George H. Johnson, *p. c.*	'77	'92	65	150	215	36	2	1	3	8	3	0	11	1	1
" Kirk st.,	1845	Albert L. Thompson,	William A. Bartlett, *p. c.*,	'86	'96	148	372	520	150	34	21	55	5	1	0	6	13	4
" High st.,	1846	Francis N. Chase,	Chas. W. Huntington, *p. c.*	'81	'88	70	164	234	44	6	5	11	6	7	0	13	1	1
" *French*,	1877	Auguste Sarre,	Thomas G. A. Coté, *p.*	'71	'95	51	58	109	12	21	1	22	1	1	4	6	16	10
" Highland,	1884	Willard Everett,	Charles L. Merriam, *p. c.*	'82	'91	88	225	313	44	6	7	13	3	4	0	7	4	1
" *Swed.*,	1885	Alfred Swanson,	Andrew P. Nelson,	'94	'97	21	50	71	38	8	1	9	1	10	2	13	0	0
Ludlow, Centre,	1789	Rev. E. D. Francis,	Everett D. Francis, *p. c.*	'95	'95	45	85	130	25	6	6	12	2	4	2	8	5	3
" Union,	1867	Albert A. Gove,				30	79	109	16	2	2	4	1	4	0	5	0	8
Lunenburg,	1835	Edmund S. Francis,	David Wallace,	'94	'97	25	65	90	23	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1
Lynn, 1st,	1632	Guilford S. Newhall,	William C. Merrill, *p.*	'84	'96	66	158	224	20	12	13	25	3	13	71	87	7	3
" Central,	1850	Edward A. Perkins,	Albert W. Moore, *p. c.*	'73	'82	104	240	344	68	7	9	16	2	6	5	13	1	2
" Chestnut st.,	1860	George E. Sargent,	George W. Osgood, *p.*	'78	'94	38	139	177	51	4	9	13	1	4	0	5	3	0
" North,	1869	R. Y. Russell,	Willis A. Hadley, *p. c.*	'78	'93	72	183	255	57	8	3	11	2	10	0	12	3	1
" *Swed.*,	1888	A. R. Bohlinder,	John A. Johnson, *p.*	'92	'88	29	49	78		5	1	6	1	3	0	4	0	17
Lynnfield, Centre,	1720	Charles E. Pearson,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'95	21	57	78	18	0	9	9	1	0	0	1	0	0
" 2d,	1854	Rev. Geo. E. Freeman,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'95	5	29	34	9	6	0	6	1	1	0	2	4	0
Malden,	1648	Frederic I. Winslow,	Henry H. French, *p. c. a*	'81	'94	235	454	689	84	47	36	83	9	7	1	17	23	6
" Maplewood,	1874	Frank P. Dunlop,	Walter A. Evans, *p.*	'86	'94	54	117	171	30	10	9	19	3	2	0	5	1	5
" **Linden,**	1876	Chas. W. Peckham,	J. Chris. Williams, *p.*	'90	'95	20	57	77	11	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	3
Manchester,	1716	George F. Allen,	Francis A. Fate, *p. c.*	'94	'94	27	101	128	20	4	5	9	5	0	0	5	3	1
Mansfield,	1838	David E. Harding,	Jacob Ide, *p. c.*	'56	'56	86	184	270	40	3	2	5	2	1	0	3	0	1
Marblehead,	1684	Daniel Appleton,	S. Linton Bell, *p. c.*	'77	'84	49	184	233	29	1	1	2	5	1	0	6	0	3
Marion,	1703	Rev. H. L. Brickett,	Harry L. Brickett, *p. c.*	'83	'94	21	60	81	7	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	0
Marlboro',	1666	Charles F. Robinson,	Lincoln B. Goodrich, *p. c.*	'93	'96	115	251	366	42	7	10	17	8	5	1	14	5	4
" *French*,	1891	Rev. J. L. Loiselle,	Joseph L. Loiselle, *p.*	'95	'95	10	17	27	6	6	0	6	0	5	0	5	0	0
Marshfield, 1st,	1632	Dea. John H. Bourne,	{ Ebenezer Alden, *p. c. em.* { Fred'ic W. Manning, *p. c.*	'43 '91	'50 '91	35	63	98	19	6	3	9	1	0	0	1	6	0
" **Hills,**	1835	Israel H. Hatch,				11	30	41	7	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	0
Mattapoisett,	1736	L. L. B. Dexter,	Robert Humphrey, *p.*	'83	'96	16	63	79	25	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	1
Maynard,	1852	John W. Flood,	Merrill Blanchard, *p.*	'81	'91	56	152	208	64	4	0	4	0	8	0	8	3	0
Medfield,	1828	Dea. Francis S. Wight,	Leroy M. Pierce,	'70	'97	28	96	124	44	1	3	4	6	5	0	11	1	3
Medford, Mystic,	1847	Nathaniel A. Dyer,	John Barstow, *p. c.*	'87	'94	140	304	444	58	35	15	50	6	4	0	10	20	4
" **West,**	1872	Henry Newcomb,	Judson Van Clancy, *p. c.*	'87	'96	69	149	218	44	5	8	13	6	9	0	15	3	2
" Union,	1887	James Donovan,	Isaac Pierson, *p. c.*	'70	'95	22	36	58	0	6	11	17	1	1	0	2	2	3
Medway, West,	1750	Eugene Wilmarth,	John F. Crosby, *p.*	'92	'94	58	116	174	29	6	3	9	3	5	0	8	6	0
" Village,	1838	Rev. R. K. Harlow,	Rufus K. Harlow, *p. c.*	'68	'72	58	143	201	42	1	7	8	4	8	0	12	0	0
" 3d, West,	1886	Asa M. B. Fuller,				8	23	31	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0
Melrose,	1848	Isaac A. Cochran,	Thomas Sims, *p.*	'75	'97	163	302	465	48	33	22	55	5	5	0	10	14	13
" **Highlands,**	1875	Henry Chisholm,	Burke F. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'93	91	197	288		24	13	37	1	7	0	8	12	5
Merrimac,	1726	Richard A. Sargent,	George L. Todd, *p. c.*	'87	'92	136	248	384		14	8	22	5	3	1	9	7	5

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Lowell, John st.,	William H. G. Wight,	175	84	175	73	81	0	10	81	0	0	13	188	373	0	3,499
" Kirk st.,	Louis Alexander,	400	181	350	81	420	270	70	1,270	100	18	0	5,337	7,485	0	12,611
" High st.,	Francis N. Chase,	331	155	225	64	413	83	86	1,026	156	46	21	1,516	3,347	0	4,783
" *French*,	Emile Paignon,	50	40	50	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	50	110	0	300
" Highl'd,	William T. Dole,	491	239	350	220	430	10	26	385	127	55	67	30	1,130	0	5,475
" *Swed.*,	Edward Anderson,	40	30	20	33	0	0	5	7	0	4	0	40	56	0	900
Ludlow, Centre,	F. E. Sikes,	161	83	70	0	64	9	0	0	92	6	0	14	185	0	1,000
" Union,	Mrs. L. E. Booth,	150	94	112	60	150	17	0	30	13	5	0	35	250	0	1,400
Lunenburg,	Norman G. Bigelow,	75	52	73	0	5	2	5	5	10	2	0	0	29	0	860
Lynn, 1st,	J. J. McKenzie,	368	210	150	130	48	18	23	40	37	12	0	811	989	0	4,396
" Central,	Henry P. Emerson,	694	283	200	223	125	26	0	401	75	0	0	1,840	2,467	0	
" Chestnut st.,	J. Sidney Stone,	200	122	139	67	66	1	303	147	2	8	2	225	754	0	2,050
" North,	Arthur W. Webber,	224	149	125	110	97	30	0	35	34	8	0	246	450	0	3,705
" *Swed.*,	J. A. Lindberg,	46	30	95	38	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	868
Lynnfield, Cen.,	Charles E. Pearson,	89	56	68	33	49	0	10	30	55	0	0	22	166	0	1,150
" 2d,	Mrs. Ira Ramdells,	119	62	65	28	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	8	18	0	334
Malden,	Dea. Clarence O. Walker,	1,005	520	775	413	467	48	48	559	301	89	462	408	2,382	0	8,660
" Maplewood,	Frederick J. Smith,	351	177	175	90	58	0	0	50	0	0	0	199	307	0	2,482
" Linden,	Charles W. Peckham,	127	82	86	58	57	0	0	61	0	0	0	11	129	0	1,587
Manchester,	Oliver T. Roberts,	196	108	150	120	135	28	0	110	109	0	0	0	382	0	2,453
Mansfield,	David E. Harding,	300	200	156	155	54	10	10	174	99	7	0	164	518	0	1,650
Marblehead,	John G. Broughton,	325	182	210	102	103	6	38	66	17	3	10	578	821	0	2,993
Marion,	Stephen D. Hadley,	158	70	110	45	115	39	5	146	51	44	20	46	466	0	2,100
Marlboro',	Elmer D. Howe,	319	193	300	136	281	48	20	241	188	60	20	226	1,084	0	3,510
" *French*,	E. A. Cutter,	53	32	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110
Marshfield, 1st,	J. Fletcher Barnes,	96	58		40	130	0	0	126	68	25	0	25	374	0	2,175
" Hills,	Miss Agnes Sherman,	52	25	40	40	4	0	0	9	0	14	0	0	27	0	900
Mattapoisett,	Frank B. Tuttle,	75	50	110	40	11	11	10	208	10	10	15	15	290	0	1,100
Maynard,	William H. Gutteridge,	282	185	200	120	250	202	100	240	100	0	0	215	1,107	0	1,915
Medfield,	Mrs. Annie L. Stimson,	67	45	85	42	83	0	5	47	13	35	0	15	198	0	1,155
Medford, Mystic,	George F. Chapin,	480	262	369	186	534	142	45	601	482	56	167	250	2,277	0	7,126
" West,	Henry M. Clapp,	295	179	150	108	267	7	14	127	87	12	0	209	723	0	3,221
" Union,	Cassius A. Van Winkle,	185	74	100	70	14	0	9	9	46	8	0	58	144	0	1,361
Medway, West,	Mrs. George Hixon,	197	88	280	55	60	2	4	12	0	5	0	220	303	0	1,500
" Village,	Charles K. Adams,	118	67	130	33	99	25	18	102	225	15	0	114	598	0	2,158
" 3d, West,	N. T. Davenport,	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	23	128	0	0	0	220	0	0
Melrose,	Don E. Curtis,	502	338	295	145	514	80	99	151	157	63	66	466	1,596	0	4,960
" Highlands,	William W. Mason,	483	277	250	152	159	13	32	99	72	0	12	605	992	0	7,581
Merrimac,	Edward F. Smart,	338	154	231	174	153	3	17	199	15	14	8	54	463	0	4,443

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Methuen,	1729	Chas. H. T. Mann,	Charles H. Oliphant, *p. c.*	'76	'84	85	173	258	35	3	7	10	4	3	0	7	1	4
Middleboro', 1st,	1694	A. H. Soule,	George W. Stearns, *p.*	'83	'91	56	104	160	23	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	0
" **North,**	1748	Percy W. Keith,	Herbert K. Job, *p. c.*	'91	'91	46	84	130	33	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	1	0
" Central,	1847	Henry W. Sears,	Rich'd G. Woodbridge, *p.c.*	'81	'93	102	228	330	44	14	7	21	4	4	15	23	6	0
Middlefield,	1783	Dea. J. McElwain,	Herbert A. Yountz, *p.*	'97	'96	29	52	81	30	0	1	1	1	5	3	9	0	0
Middleton,	1729	Miss H. M. Thompson,	Warren P. Landers, *p. c.*	'91	'91	30	70	100	10	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	1
Milford,	1741	W. S. Wood,	Webster Woodbury, *p. c.*	'68	'88	66	219	285	60	12	8	20	5	9	0	14	5	2
Millbury,	1747	Henry L. Bancroft,	George A. Putnam, *p. c.*	'60	'72	43	147	190	46	6	2	8	2	5	0	7	3	2
" 2d,	1827	Ira N. Goddard,	George P. Eastman, *p. c.*	'91	'91	53	140	193	33	0	7	7	5	7	13	25	0	5
Millis,	1714	J. W. Clarke, **Rockville,**	Albert H. Wheelock, *p.*	'88	'93	28	78	106	28	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	1	5
Milton,	1678	A. H. Fuller, **Blue Hill,**	Henry S. Huntington, *p.*	'66	'88	35	61	96	15	10	4	14	3	1	0	4	4	3
" **East,**	1843	Frank Kemp,	Albert S. Gilbert, *p.*	'97	'96	7	22	29	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2
Monson,	1762	Mrs. C. C. Keep,	Franklin S. Hatch, *p. c.*	'76	'87	68	154	222	40	4	2	6	1	3	9	13	4	2
Montague,	1752	Sanford Marsh,	Martin L. Richardson, *p.*	'60	'91	42	92	134	20	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0
" **Miller's Falls,**	1872	Mrs. Mary A. King,	Dorr A. Hudson, *p.*	'91	'93	12	42	54	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
" **Turner'sFalls,**	1875	Frank N. Conant,				27	55	82	12	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	2	1
Monterey,	1750	Miss J. A. Townsend,				39	73	112	34	7	4	11	1	2	0	3	4	4
Mt. Washington,	1874	Dea. H. D. Lamson,				2	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nantucket,	1728	Miss Lydia M. Folger,	Myron S. Dudley, *p.*	'71	'89	11	112	123		5	0	5	6	1	0	7	1	0
Natick,	1802	Dea. G. L. Bartlett,	Frederick E. Sturgis, *p. c.*	'68	'84	203	487	690	75	8	14	22	3	10	1	14	4	3
" **South,**	1859	Miss A. M. Caswell,	Irving A. Burnap, *p.*	'92	'97	26	46	72	13	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	5	0
Needham,	1857	Joseph Willett,	Avery S. Walker, *p. c.*	'57	'95	75	149	224	28	61	19	80	1	9	0	10	35	12
New Bedford, **Acushnet,**	1696	Fred B. Hawes,	George W. C. Hill, *p. c.*	'95	'95	18	44	62	12	6	3	9	1	0	0	1	6	0
" North,	1807	Rev. John C. Staples,	John A. MacColl, *p. c.*	'83	'90	138	379	517	49	6	8	14	9	5	0	14	6	4
" **Trinitarian,**	1831	James C. Briggs,	Matthew C. Julien, *p. c.*	'72	'72	77	161	238	31	3	23	26	6	0	0	6	3	0
New Braintree,	1754	Dea. George K. Tufts,	Francis H. Boynton, *p.*	'64	'95	17	38	55	19	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1
Newbury,	1635	Dea. John C. Rolfe,	Charles S. Holton,	'92	'97	37	96	133	12	0	2	2	2	1	4	7	0	0
" **Byfield,**	1706	Joseph N. Dummer,	David C. Torrey, *p. c.*	'92	'92	45	82	127	27	0	6	6	2	3	0	5	0	0
Newburyport, North,	1768	John T. Lunt,	Charles P. Mills, *p. c.*	'80	'80	117	289	406	65	8	7	15	10	6	0	16	4	6
" Prospect st.,	1793	Charles R. Todd,	Myron O. Patton, *p. c.*	'94	'95	61	173	234	39	12	4	16	4	1	1	6	4	4
" Belleville,	1808	Charles A. Currier,	{ Daniel T. Fiske, *p. c.* { Albert W. Hitchcock, *p.c.*	'47 '91	'47 '91	108	233	341	50	9	2	11	9	4	0	13	5	0
" Whitefield,	1850	Porter S. Shattuck,	John H. Reid, *p.*	'90	'92	61	162	223	40	5	6	11	0	4	0	4	5	2
New Marlboro', 1st,	1744	Rev. A. W. Field,	Aaron W. Field, *p.*	'72	'90	6	14	20	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
" **Southfield,**	1794	Howard A. Cook,	Aaron W. Field, *p.*	'72	'94	13	26	39	5	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
" **Mill River,**	1871	Dea. E. W. Rhodes,				19	31	50	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
New Salem,	1845	Mrs. H. S. Herrick, *a*	Albert V. House, *p.*	'94	'94	32	41	73	36	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	9	0
Newton 1st, **Centre,**	1664	T. Irving Crowell,	{ Dan'l L. Furber, *p.c. em.* { Edward M. Noyes, *p.c.*	'47 '83	'47 '94	148	243	391	50	12	18	30	3	7	1	11	8	7
" 2d, **West,**	1781	Julius L. Clarke,	{ Henry J. Patrick, *p.c. em.* { Theo. P. Prudden, *p. c.*	'54 '74	'60 '94	99	250	349	33	9	14	23	9	19	0	28	4	3
" Eliot,	1845	George Agry, jr.,	William H. Davis, *p. c.*	'77	'96	219	376	595	52	3	16	19	4	8	40	52	1	3

a **North N. S.** Mittineague, *see* West Springfield. Neponset, *see* Boston. New Boston, *see* Sandisfield.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Methuen,	J. Frank Emerson,	220	120	175	32	353	102	16	20	19	19	7	225	761	0	3,000
Middleboro',	A. H. Soule,	m182	64	130	54	144	10	30	80	16	41	7	65	393	0	1,250
" North,	N. W. Keith,	120	62	100	65	41	31	0	160	38	31	0	12	313	0	1,509
" Central,	Alonzo F. Ryder,	274	176	350	80	270	45	39	320	55	0	28	241	998	0	6,999
Middlefield,	Henry B. Holmes,	72	45	55	31	50	0	0	0	20	8	0	0	78	0	850
Middleton,	H. Erskine Howe,	130	60	95	93	44	6	2	72	15	10	0	12	161	0	1,231
Milford,	M. B. Whiting,	397	191	297	90	354	41	38	171	326	46	0	1,413	2,389	0	4,500
Millbury,	D. Edmond March,	127	100	109	60	207	55	25	76	89	155	0	92	699	0	2,170
" 2d,	George F. Chase,	200	125	145	48	374	96	26	285	138	12	0	971	1,902	0	2,409
Millis,	Evan F. Richardson,	117	65	135	50	38	4	0	16	12	5	0	15	90	0	2,000
Milton,	Herbert B. Tucker,	156	70	106	50	137	45	0	36	93	47	0	26	384	0	1,473
" East,	Frank Kemp,	84	60	100	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	1,000
Monson,	Edward F. Morris,	240	150	220	98	639	152	597	423	294	41	20	66	2,232	0	3,200
Montague,	Wilfred Raymond,	130	79	125	47	82	28	39	94	35	25	0	100	403	0	1,220
" Miller's F'ls,	Charles H. Hull,	100	72	125	40	3	0	4	4	2	1	0	9	23	0	4,400
" Turner's F'ls,	Elmer D. Severance,	197	135	150	50	53	11	37	163	35	19	0	52	370	0	2,100
Monterey,	M. V. Thomson,	125	75		50	0	0	0	14	12	0	0	0	26	0	
Mt. Washington,		0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Nantucket,		146		140	30	16	0	0	5	20	0	0	23	64	0	1,500
Natick,	F. M. Forbush,	689	404	500	182	415	431	50	438	50	20	0	1,487	2,891	0	5,990
" South,	M. V. B. Bartlett,	72	44	47	31	16	2	2	16	0	0	0	0	36	0	1,074
Needham,	Joseph H. Adams,	178	106	113	114	0	0	0	70	0	16	0	17	103	0	1,460
New Bedford,	Rev. G. W. C. Hill,	126	51	115	90	18	0	0	17	0	0	0	13	48	0	1,850
" North,	David A. Corey,	405	263	378	108	875	199	0	503	220	0	35	517	2,349	0	6,049
" Trin.,	F. A. Milliken,	400	250	300	75	133	13	0	1,407	18	21	0	709	2,301	0	6,849
New Braintree,	Dea. Horatio Moore,	57	24	67	31	14	0	0	20	0	6	0	7	47	0	950
Newbury,	William T. Humphreys,	166	101	190	66	50	31	18	278	63	0	0	72	512	0	2,400
" Byfield,	Joseph N. Dummer,	140	90	125	65	40	24	0	12	12	22	0	0	110	0	1,000
Newburyport, N.	John H. Balch, jr.,	295	153	255	95	165	16	14	360	189	13	12	334	1,103	0	3,000
" Prospect st.,	Charles A. Bliss,	227	110	200	50	155	9	6	239	109	16	8	243	785	0	2,675
" Belleville,	Joseph G. Crockett,	540	369	442	141	508	66	43	524	104	30	0	400	1,675	1,000	4,200
" Whitefield,	Dea. Henry B. Packard,	121	85	150	60	45	3	0	33	33	4	0	48	166	0	2,116
New Marlboro',						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145
" Southfield,	Charles E. Ellis,	34	25	20	25	10	0	0	0	4	3	0	10	27	0	400
" Mill River,	E. W. Rhodes,	45	30	60	40	25	4	0	20	0	0	7	0	56	0	450
New Salem,	Daniel Ballard, Millington,	85	33	85	25	11	0	0	14	8	0	0	13	46	0	825
Newton, 1st, Cen.	Charles E. Kelsey,	272	161	240	155	2,575	715	375	2,005	906	264	113	541	7,494	0	6,500
" 2d, West,	Henry L. Whittlesey,	274	191	217	69	623	104	21	1,778	330	48	0	2,127	5,031	0	6,581
" Eliot,	Andrew B. Cobb,	374	264	350	123	5,798	476	299	8,555	1,330	228	167	2,948	19,801	0	14,332

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City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	Cfd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Newton, **Auburndale,**	1850	Henry G. Hildreth,	Calvin Cutler, *p. c. em.*	'62	'67	131	230	361	64	12	23	35	3	9	0	12	0	6
			Chas. M. Southgate, *p. c.*	'70	'95													
" North,	1866	Charles A. Worth,	Daniel Greene, *p. c.*	'79	'92	60	112	172	74	7	0	7	1	5	0	6	4	6
" **Newtonville,**	1868	Wallace C. Boyden,	John M. Dutton, *p. c.*	'76	'92	106	224	330	48	11	26	37	5	1	13	19	11	3
" **Highlands,**	1872	William B. Wood,	Charles E. Havens, *p. c.*	'81	'93	74	147	221	46	5	5	10	6	2	0	8	3	0
Norfolk,	1839	Rev. Franklin C. Jones,	Edson J. Moore, *p.*	'61	'85	17	36	53	8	0	4	4	0	6	0	6	0	1
North Adams,	1827	Edwin Barnard,	William L. Tenney, *p. c.*	'88	'95	238	379	617	75	24	20	44	10	12	42	64	5	11
Northampton, 1st,	1661	William G. Bassett,	Henry T. Rose, *p. c.*	'70	'92	107	358	465	30	4	6	10	10	6	0	16	3	0
" Edwards,	1833	Dea. S. E. Bridgman,	Paul Van Dyke, *p. c.*	'87	'92	123	312	435	90	6	11	17	8	9	0	17	1	25
" **Florence,**	1861	Dea. E. H. Barnard,	Elisha G. Cobb, *p. c.*	'60	'66	97	241	338	50	1	2	3	4	16	0	20	1	2
North Andover,	1834	Daniel W. Carney,	Henry E. Barnes, *p. c.*	'62	'93	100	188	288	88	30	11	41	3	10	0	13	6	14
North Attleboro', Oldtown,	1712	Miss Mary A. Mathias,	John Whitehill, *p.*	'61	'69	22	44	66	16	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0
" **A. Falls,**	1874	Miss Ada M. Perry,	Martin L. Williston,	'76	'97	23	64	87	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
" Trinity,	1892	D. Sanford Hall,	Charles A. Ratcliffe, *p.*	'91	'96	23	68	91	10	9	9	18	0	6	0	6	8	1
Northboro',	1832	Miss E. V. Yates,	Albert D. Smith, *p. c.*	'88	'96	27	76	103	28	0	2	2	3	6	0	9	0	1
Northbridge **Centre,**	1782	Joshua W. Morse,	James H. Childs, *p.*	'75	'84	26	59	85	19	2	0	2	2	3	0	5	2	2
" **Whitinsville,**	1834	William J. Love,	John R. Thurston, *p. c.*	'59	'71	79	164	243	46	11	9	20	4	2	0	6	7	14
" Rockdale,	1879	Mrs. H. T. Whitin,	[Ernest M. Bartlett, *Lic.*]		'97	11	15	26	3	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	1
North Brookfield, 1st,	1752	Dea. A. J. Goddard,	John L. Sewall, *p. c.*	'82	'96	118	259	377	71	6	8	14	7	11	0	18	5	5
" Union,	1854	Dea. James Miller,	Joseph J. Spencer, *p. c.*	'91	'91	32	85	117	16	4	4	8	3	7	1	11	0	2
Northfield, **East,**	1825	Miss Mary T. Dutton,	Cyrus I. Scofield, *p.*	'83	'96	145	222	367	135	25	16	41	4	33	2	39	13	2
North Reading,	1720	Dea. I. Arthur Flint,	Eugene E. Colburn, *p.*	'75	'96	30	64	94	16	4	1	5	0	8	0	8	3	0
Norton,	1832	N. S. Howard,	Vernon C. Harrington, *p. c.*	'94	'97	19	46	65	12	3	0	3	2	7	8	17	3	0
Norwood,	1736	Herbert M. Plimpton,	Charles F. Weeden, *p. c.*	'88	'95	86	146	232	28	5	36	41	4	4	0	8	0	6
Oakham,	1767	Dea. Jesse Allen,	Solomon P. Fay, *p.*	'49	'95	33	81	114	27	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	0
Orange, **North,**	1843	Rev. J. H. Garman,	George W. Judson, *p.*	'87	'91	7	17	24	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
" Central,	1846	F. D. Kellogg,	George W. Judson, *p. c.*	'87	'87	103	185	288	26	8	8	16	2	7	0	9	8	0
" *Swedish,*	1891	Gustaf Blanquist,	John M. Henrikson, *p.*	'96	'96	40	47	87	3	25	7	32	0	1	0	1	0	6
Orleans,	1646	Dea. J. Higgins,	E. Irving Rackett, *p. c.*	'94	'93	32	110	142		17	4	21	1	1	0	2	13	7
Otis,	1779	Mrs. Mary J. Somes,				16	34	50	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Oxford,	1721	Mrs. Emily J. Pratt,	Albert E. Bradstreet, *p.*	'88	'94	38	118	156	31	12	3	15	5	0	3	8	11	0
Palmer, **Thorndike,**	1730	Charles G. Smith,	George M. Gerrish, *p.*	'94	'95	25	48	73	16	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1
" 2d,	1847	O. P. Allen,	Frank E. Jenkins, *p. c.*	'81	'93	68	142	210	29	3	4	7	5	8	0	13	1	5
" **Three Rivers,**	1876	Sullivan B. Barnes,	Gardner S. Butler, *p.*	'77	'92	94	108	202	60	7	8	15	1	17	2	20	2	3
Paxton,	1767	Dea. Chas. A. Streeter,				27	70	97	23	7	1	8	1	0	0	1	7	0
Peabody, South,	1713	Peter J. Frye,	George A. Hall, *p. c.*	'86	'86	88	229	317	56	4	5	9	9	14	0	23	2	3
" 2d,	1874	Miss E. J. Williams,				24	67	91	10	8	2	10	6	0	0	6	8	2
" West,	1891	Frank K. McIntire,	James A. Anderson, *p.*	'89	'95	15	30	45	8	0	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
Pelham,	1837	Mrs. Lucy Tillson,	[Loring B. Chase,]		'96	4	8	12	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
" Packardville, **Enfield,**	'69	Darius O. Chickering,	[Loring B. Chase,]		'96	13	20	33	3	0	0	0	1	4	2	7	0	0
Pepperell,	1747	J. W. Pierce,	Richard H. Kennedy, *p.*	'92	'95	82	167	249	48	1	5	6	7	3	0	10	1	0

Packardville *see* Pelham. Pawtucket *see* Lowell. Pigeon Cove, *see* Rockport.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Newton, Au'dale,	J. Franklin Ryder,	359	196	200	122	3,782	429	196	2,450	809	81	69	241	8,057	0	6,521
" North,	Reuben Forknall,	200	130	80	48	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	50	61	0	1,800
" Newtonville,	Wallace C. Boyden,	338	234	270	100	728	152	83	829	278	56	59	333	2,518	0	11,500
" Highlands,	Seward W. Jones,	291	141	181	76	662	60	70	746	303	45	0	107	1,993	0	5,715
Norfolk,	Dea. Nathan H. Rockwood,	70	30	60	55	25	0	0	50	0	2	0	12	89	0	601
North Adams,	Robert A. Thompson,	m459	362	400	70	236	179	146	911	165	33	25	1,235	2,990	0	5,100
Northampton, 1st	William N. Doane,	190	156	300	72	1,040	102	121	797	567	32	0	818	3,477	0	5,406
" Edwards,	F. N. Kneeland,	325	222	400	86	956	65	25	808	302	27	0	659	2,842	0	6,208
" Florence	William M. Smith,	225	167	200	78	43	8	24	0	18	13	8	700	814	0	1,800
North Andover,	George E. Hathorne,	250	184	100	50	25	25	25	112	67	0	0	134	388	0	2,892
North Attleboro'	Rev. John Whitehill,	112	75	107	19	23	0	4	204	6	2	0	17	256	0	1,425
" A. Falls,	Thomas I. Thurber,	136	75	150	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,269
" Trinity,	Robert G. Semple,	131	70	80	38	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1,493
Northboro',	Dea. F. M. Harrington,	165	73	92	27	47	15	16	40	37	11	13	25	204	0	1,204
Northbridge C.,	Frank E. Taft,	83	54	76	33	100	17	15	53	15	32	0	75	307	0	690
" Whitinsville,	Arthur F. Whitin,	331	205	256	143	5,799	2,257	647	4,683	3,094	773	121	2,601	19,975	0	2,770
" Rockdale,	Benjamin W. Brown,	33	22	43	25	41	10	7	49	9	5	0	0	121	0	600
North Brookfield,	Frank S. Bartlett,	322	174	277	94	399	127	111	278	218	101	10	404	1,648	0	3,076
" Union,	Edgar H. Grout,	129	76	157	47	135	72	0	48	210	8	125	192	790	0	1,400
Northfield,	Ambert G. Moody,	600	250	150	39	282	7	0	67	53	0	0	24	433	1,000	4,381
North Reading,	Dea. J. Milton Robinson,	125	86	100	40	25	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	40	0	850
Norton,	Arthur E. Sweet,	65	40	67	60	218	0	0	246	265	0	0	0	729	0	1,340
Norwood,	Edson D. Smith,	305	175	175	46	242	101	32	320	225	66	0	23	1,009	0	4,492
Oakham,	Horace W. Lincoln,	100	65	115	60	31	0	7	62	50	26	0	25	201	0	661
Orange, North,	Solon J. Oliver,	63		22	12	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	8	0	137
" Central,	Waldo E. French,	350	207	275	79	281	26	31	178	83	36	0	0	635	0	2,400
" *Swedish,*	John Magunsan,	106	90	25	22	27	0	0	10	22	0	0	0	59	0	1,320
Orleans,	Freeman H. Snow,	130	70	136	25	55	0	0	115	0	8	0	25	203	0	2,427
Otis,	Dea. W. N. Hawley,	33		84	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	179
Oxford,	Dea. D. M. Howe,	145	71	135	50	226	20	46	261	122	16	10	90	791	0	1,660
Palmer, Thorn'e,	Andrew J. Parker,	96	45	76	59	19	10	0	10	0	0	18	50	107	0	1,187
" 2d,	Luther H. Gage,	228	155	200	114	73	139	22	110	129	21	90	379	963	0	3,521
" Three Rivers,	J. H. Trickett,	215	151	82	116	46	0	0	0	193	0	0	70	309	0	2,488
Paxton,	Charles F. Flint,	50	43		44	23	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	33	950	750
Peabody, South,	Arthur F. Poole,	296	179		90	794	198	0	709	260	80	0	490	2,531	0	4,404
" 2d,	William T. Wolloff,	115	76	150	64	0	0	5	6	0	5	0	33	49	500	1,500
" West,	A. W. Felt,	80	50	100	30	6	0	6	10	0	3	0	5	30	0	621
Pelham,	John Van Stone, **Prescott,**	19	15	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Packardville,	John W. Knight, **Pelham,**	75	40	30	15	2	0	0	6	0	1	0	2	11	0	100
Pepperell,	Lyman C. Blood,	185	98	230	39	98	18	8	79	152	13	0	86	454	6,600	1,469

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Peru,	1770	Dea. Jewett H. Geer,	Edson L. Clark, *p.*	'59	'93	25	33	58	22	2	1	3	1	1	0	+ 2	0	0
Petersham,	1823	Charles K. Wilder,	Daniel E. Adams, *p.*	'60	'93	3	22	25	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Phillipston,	1785	Mrs. Lyman B. Smith,	Daniel E. Adams, *p.*	'60	'93	19	44	63	21	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0
Pittsfield, 1st,	1764	Dea. H. A. Brewster,	Wm. V.W. Davis, *p.c.a*	'77	'93	155	371	526	51	10	10	20	9	7	12	28	4	9
" 2d,	1846	Mrs Leah Gardiner,	Samuel Harrison, *p.*	'50	'72	9	20	29	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	- 2	0	1
" South,	1850	Frank E. Pierson,	Isaac C. Smart, *p. c.*	'85	'85	170	280	450	32	8	10	18	4	5	0	+ 9	5	6
Plainfield,	1786	Dea. Seth W. Clark,	George C. Bliss, *p.*	'95	'96	32	53	85	19	0	0	0	3	0	0	- 3	0	0
Plymouth, **Manomet,**	1738	Mrs. E. P. Bartlett,				19	40	59	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	- 1	0	3
" Pilgrimage,	1801	Charles F. Cole,	Ernest W. Shurtleff, *p c.*	'89	'91	61	317	378	65	3	7	10	3	4	0	- 7	0	0
" **Chiltonville,**	1894	Miss L. B. Nickerson,				11	29	40	5	2	1	3	1	4	0	- 5	1	0
Plympton,	1698	Miss Bessie Sherman,	Ernest C. Davis, *p.*	'94	'94	16	60	76	19	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0
Prescott,	1823	Mrs. E. J. Paige,	Charles E. Houghton, *p.*	'76	'88	17	18	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Princeton,	1764	Miss Susie A. Davis,	Charles A. White, *p.*	'73	'88	51	128	179	42	0	0	0	2	3	0	- 5	0	0
Provincetown,	1714	Mrs. Mary N. Lewis,	William F. Skerrye, *p.*	'96	'94	11	55	66	15	0	0	0	3	1	2	- 6	0	0
Quincy, Bethany,	1832	Ernest D. Gourd,	Edwin N. Hardy, *p. c.*	'90	'95	113	207	320	31	8	19	27	5	6	16	-27	1	4
" **Wollaston,**	1876	Edward L. Robbins,	Edward A. Robinson, *p. c.*	'83	'90	49	94	143	11	1	10	11	1	4	0	- 5	1	7
" **Point,** Wash. st.,	1883	Thos. B. Pollard, Q.	[Morris H. Turk, *Lic.*]		'96	15	40	55	4	0	2	2	0	1	0	- 1	0	0
" **Atlantic,**	1885	B. Frank Thomas,				15	34	49	4	0	5	5	0	1	0	- 1	0	0
" *Swedish,*	1889	Eric Carlson,	[Chas. A. Bjornborn, *Swed.M.*]		'95	60	74	134	7	42	0	42	0	5	5	-10	0	18
Randolph,	1731	W. H. Leavitt,	Charles A. Hilton, *p. c.*		'71	'93	48	117	165	19	7	2	9	2	2	0	+ 4	7	0
Raynham,	1731	Edward B. King,	Sidney K. B. Perkins, *p.*		'60	'87	14	35	49	0	1	0	1	4	0	1	- 5	1	0
" **North,**	1875	Willard M. Copeland,	Sidney K. B. Perkins, *p.*		'60	'87	6	22	28	2	1	3	4	0	2	0	+ 2	1	0
Reading,	1849	Frank W. B. Pratt,					126	328	454	55	5	9	14	15	1	0	-16	2	3
Rehoboth,	1721	Miss E. B. Pierce,	Charles B. Wathen, *p.*		'83	'96	47	85	132	52	0	1	1	2	1	4	- 7	0	1
Revere, 1st,	1828	George A. Dalrymple,	Walter S. Eaton, *p. c.*		'92	'92	61	101	162	36	0	3	3	2	2	0	- 4	0	3
" Beachmont,	1881	Ralph T. Kimball,	E. S. J. McAllister, *p.*		'91	'96	17	44	61	0	0	3	3	1	7	23	-31	0	1
Richmond,	1765	Henry L. Salmon,	T. Clair Luce, *p. c.*		'85	'91	31	65	96	4	3	1	4	1	0	1	+ 2	3	0
Rochester, 1st,	1703	John S. Ryder,	George B. Shanor, *p.*		'93	'96	10	36	46	17	3	0	3	3	1	0	- 4	3	0
" North,	1753	George H. Randall,	Leslie B. Withee, *p.*		'89	'96	11	15	26	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	± 0	0	0
" E., W. Warcham,	1887	George P. Morse,	Alonzo T. Lamb, *p.*		'93	'96	30	41	71	17	0	0	0	0	5	0	- 5	0	0
Rockland,	1813	Joshua S. Smith,	Fred H. Allen, *p.*		'74	'95	103	193	296	48	1	4	5	2	3	0	- 5	0	2
Rockport, 1st,	1755	Calvin W. Pool,	Israel Ainsworth, *p. c.*		'80	'91	50	170	220	25	1	2	3	7	3	1	-11	1	4
" **Pigeon Cove,**	1874					9	41	50	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	- 3	0	0
" *Swedish,*	1892	Eric P. Anderson,	[Peter A. Johnson,]		'96	20	18	38	0	3	1	4	0	3	8	-11	0	0
Rowley,	1639	Benjamin P. Mighill,	Samuel B. Cooper. *p.*		'87	'92	38	113	151	32	2	1	3	5	1	0	- 6	2	0
Royalston,	1766	Dea. Frank M. Adams,	Francis J. Fairbanks, *p. c.*		'64	'93	36	69	105	22	3	2	5	3	7	3	-13	2	0
" **South,**	1837	Jeremiah A. Rich,					19	41	60	25	0	3	3	0	2	0	+ 2	0	0
Rutland,	1727	Dea. Wm. C. Temple,	Sidney Crawford, *p.*		'70	'93	77	119	196	46	7	1	8	3	1	0	+ 4	5	3
Salem, Tabernacle,	1735	Ezra L. Woodbury,	DeWitt S. Clark, *p. c.*		'68	'79	82	289	371	35	5	8	13	8	5	0	±13	5	3
" South,	1735	Charles H. Hayward,	James F. Brodie, *p. c.*		'82	'89	62	198	260	42	2	7	9	7	7	0	-14	2	1
" Crombie st.	1832	Henry J. Pratt,	John W. Buckham, *p. c.*		'88	'90	51	157	208	37	0	1	1	6	2	0	- 8	0	3
Sandisfield,	1756	Dea. John H. Whitney,					15	34	49	15	0	1	1	1	2	0	- 3	0	0

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Peru,	Charles T. Stowell,	45	28	30	25	22	0	0	0	10	0	0	8	40	0	250
Petersham,	Dea. Clinton Bohanon,	25	18	15	8	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	385
Phillipston,		37	26	33	0	6	0	0	7	0	0	0	12	25	0	363
Pittsfield, 1st,	William C. Stevenson,	515	320	475	102	1,325	146	136	1,206	419	79	65	2,274	5,650	3,456	9,651
" 2d,	Mrs. Leah Gardiner,	40	20	30	34	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	10	0	250
" South,	John P. Sayles,	210	175	150	143	64	16	24	0	13	15	12	250	394	0	5,000
Plainfield,	James A. Winslow,	115	54	77	0	13	4	0	8	4	2	0	0	31	0	490
Plymouth, Man.,	Seth S. Bartlett,	60		75	28	9	0	5	10	5	7	0	1	41	0	655
" Pilgrimage,	Charles F. Cole,	m399	175	52	120	283	15	17	307	270	11	0	48	951	0	3,360
" Chiltonville,	Mrs. O. F. Davis,	60	25	400	14	40	5	7	50	10	10	5	5	132	0	934
Plympton,	Miss Alice C. Bisbee,	m75	41	145	24	42	1	4	31	16	5	0	9	108	0	865
Prescott,	George F. Allen,	35	19	37	22	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	25	35	0	300
Princeton,	W.W.Roper,jr., E.Hubbardston	m134	67	200	45	504	0	0	135	170	2	0	86	897	0	1,600
Provincetown,	James E. Rich,	83	50	75	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	10	17	0	798
Quincy,	Ernest W. Branch,	425	240	375	135	176	15	35	270	50	72	0	900	1,518	0	5,017
" Wollaston,	N. G. Nickerson,	229	131	150	80	292	50	68	717	80	25	13	558	1,803	0	4,660
" Wash'gton st.,	Charles H. Sherborn,	130	80	90	62	0	0	0	9	19	0	0	6	34	0	1,056
" Atlantic,	Charles F. Merrick,	140	71	120	30	21	20	0	35	0	9	8	5	98	0	1,322
" *Swedish*,	Charles Leander,	105	90		50	126	28	6	41	0	0	0	44	245	0	1,815
Randolph,	M. W. Baker,	152	79	130	58	418	60	0	319	74	63	32	137	1,103	0	3,000
Raynham,	Wilfred C. Lawson,	87	37	72	14	18	20	0	17	13	0	0	0	68	0	700
" North,	William Palmer,	55	20	73	14	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	7	0	320
Reading,	Frank W. B. Pratt,	591	269	325	246	567	205	59	329	297	40	29	516	2,042	900	4,110
Rehoboth,	Henry T. Horton,	78	50	80	38	11	0	0	0	5	0	0	10	26	0	1,100
Revere, 1st,	Dea. Edwin B. Hooper,	205	70	200	57	0	3	5	52	40	2	0	107	209	0	2,400
" Beachmont,	Samuel McBay,	160	85	200	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	725
Richmond,	A. Granville Sharp,	130	68	65	71	134	0	6	22	45	8	0	60	275	0	1,660
Rochester, 1st,	George B. Haskell,	49	27	75	25	80	0	0	34	24	0	0	34	172	0	951
" North,	Edward E. Reynolds,	30	25	20	20	0	0	0	10	19	2	0	0	31	0	413
" East,	Mrs. George L. Shaw,	80	52	55		2	0	0	20	17	0	0	13	52	0	360
Rockland,	Clarence E. Rice,	420	263	270	90	146	20	20	28	130	15	12	64	435	522	4,000
Rockport, 1st,	Henry C. Davis,	217	130	230	105	48	8	18	107	15	24	6	147	373	0	2,600
" Pig. Cove,	Thomas Whigham,	62	36	75	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	615
" *Sw.*,	Peter Johnson,	59	50		9	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	6	0	50
Rowley,	Willard P. Smith,	126	71	100	50	190	0	0	24	55	0	0	20	289	0	2,266
Royalston,	Dea. Frank M. Adams,	122	73	85	49	101	0	0	169	0	15	2	0	287	0	1,035
" South,	Alfred R. Hale,	40	24	50	27	14	0	0	0	5	3	0	3	25	0	725
Rutland,	Walter A. Hunter,	m186	93	120	77	50	0	0	75	30	3	0	5	163	200	1,500
Salem, Tab'cle,	Frederick A. Fuller,	542	382	290	205	474	165	206	1,049	399	95	36	60	2,484	0	5,700
" South,	Frank H. Sargent,	341	239	254	102	604	221	34	490	446	40	0	1,024	2,859	50	
" Crombie st.	Arthur F. Smith,	149	96	150	73	244	0	0	263	127	23	0	195	852	0	3,500
Sandisfield,		0	0	30	14	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	72

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Sandisfield, **New Boston,**	1874	Hiram A. Ryder,	[Arthur P. Pratt, *Lic.*]	'96	11	31	42	12	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	0
Sandwich,	1638	Dea. S. R. Bourne,	William H. Woodwell, *p.*	'73	89	43	94	137	10	2	3	5	4	1	0	5	1	0
Saugus,	1732	John E. Stocker,	John C. Labaree, *p.*	'63	'93	11	38	49	16	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
" **Cliftondale,**	1888	Mrs. Arthur B. Smith,	W. Sherman Thompson, *p. c.*	'91	'96	17	61	78	13	2	6	8	1	3	0	4	1	0
Scituate,	1639	Miss Mary F. Perry,	Seelye Bryant,	'90	'96	21	54	75	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
Seekonk,	1888		William H. Starr,	'65	'91	12	12	24	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Sharon,	1741	Sanford W. Billings,	George F. Stanton, *p.*	'66	'88	38	79	117	18	11	0	11	4	4	0	8	9	8
Sheffield,	1735	Dea. D. Boardman,	Evarts W. Pond,	'95	'96	37	101	138	20	6	5	11	4	2	0	6	5	0
Shelburne,	1770	Dea. L. G. Alvord,	Joseph A. Goodrich, *p.*	'96	'96	73	120	193	26	2	2	4	5	1	0	6	2	0
" **Falls,**	1850	Charles H. Ball,	Walter H. Ashley, *p.*	'78	'89	59	162	221	55	15	15	30	3	1	0	4	14	5
Sherborn,	1685	Dea. L. Coolidge,	Edmund Dowse, *p. c.*	'38	'38	35	82	117	42	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
Shirley,	1828	Rev. Joseph Torrey,	Joseph Torrey, *p.*	'60	'93	29	68	97	20	16	9	25	2	3	0	5	10	3
Shrewsbury,	1723	Charles O. Greene,	Edward A. Lathrop, *p.*	'95	'95	26	76	102	8	6	2	8	2	1	8	11	5	0
Shutesbury,	1742	Dea. Nathaniel Briggs,	[Arthur J. Wyman],		'96	20	39	59	15	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	1
Somerset,	1861	Dea. Wm. H. Marble,	Thomas F. Norris, *p.*	'79	'94	18	38	56	27	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0
Somerville, 1st,	1855	G. A. Southworth,	Robert W. Wallace, *p. c.*	'72	'97	117	236	353	81	6	14	20	12	26	0	38	2	0
" Broadway,	1864	Frank E. Hodgkins,	Horace H. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'94	127	210	337	26	12	8	20	6	3	0	9	10	0
" West,	1874	Jacob H. Lowery,	Peter MacQueen, *p. c.*	'91	'93	92	196	288		1	13	14	1	7	0	8	1	4
" Prospect Hill,	1874	S. Gardner Higgins,	Edward S. Tead, *p. c.*	'78	'84	122	226	348		8	15	23	3	10	0	13	7	10
" Winter Hill,	1883	Edwin A. Stone,	Charles L. Noyes, *p. c.*	'81	'82	73	141	214	18	9	3	12	4	1	0	5	5	15
" Highland,	1894	George T. Failey,	George S. Anderson, *p.*	'91	'94	31	58	89	4	5	14	19	1	2	0	3	3	9
Southampton,	1743	H. L. Parsons,	John Cowan, *p.*	'75	'97	60	103	163	15	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0
Southboro',	1831	H. A. McMaster,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'93	23	68	91	35	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	3	2
" **Southville,**	1865	Mrs. J. E. Ramsdell,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'95	11	23	34	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Southbridge,	1801	F. C. Goulding,				82	149	231	56	4	5	9	4	3	0	7	2	0
South Hadley,	1733	Dea. Calvin Preston,				78	213	291	59	9	7	16	5	5	3	13	2	0
" **Falls,**	1824	Dea. Arthur N. Chapin,	Richard L. Swain, *p c.*	'84	'94	80	193	273	40	9	5	14	8	2	0	10	7	2
Southwick,	1773	Dea. Edward Gillett,	Harry O. Hannum, *p. c.*	'96	'96	28	53	81	13	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Spencer,	1744	Dea. Geo. H. Marsh,	Sherman W. Brown, *p. c.*	'93	'93	124	254	378	41	18	1	19	10	7	2	19	11	6
Springfield, 1st,	1637	William L. Richards,	Frank L. Goodspeed, *p c.a*	'87	'94	285	674	959	118	21	55	76	21	19	1	41	14	9
" Olivet,	1836	James B. Roberts,	Luther H. Cone, *p. c.*	'55	'67	92	240	332	72	6	3	9	11	13	0	24	2	5
" South,	1842	William A. Lincoln,	Philip S. Moxom, *p. c.*	'71	'94	148	305	453	80	8	7	15	9	4	1	14	2	14
" North,	1846	Ralph P. Alden,	F. Barrows Makepeace, *p.c.*	'73	'88	157	329	486	68	8	13	21	9	21	0	30	6	7
" **Ind. Orchard,**	1848	David Greenaway,	William T. Hutchins, *p.c.*	'76	'92	70	111	181	46	2	4	6	0	5	0	5	1	1
" Hope,	1876	W. V. Gilman,	Ralph W. Brokaw, *p. c.*	'77	'88	236	430	666	60	17	32	49	5	12	6	23	10	6
" *French,*	1886	Phil A. Forte,				21	20	41	10	2	8	10	1	4	8	13	0	2
" Eastern av.,	1888	Dea. Fred B. Miller,	Richard H. Bosworth, *p.c.*	'82	'94	67	112	179	20	9	16	25	1	7	18	26	4	6
" Emmanuel,	1888	Rev. D. L. Kebbe,	David L. Kebbe, *p. c.*	'91	'95	25	46	71	15	5	4	9	0	7	0	7	2	1
" Park,	1889	Dea. Henry W. Blake,	Allen E. Cross, *p. c.*	'92	'96	41	75	116	11	1	10	11	6	5	0	11	0	1
" St. John's,	1890	Dea. Charles Dennis,				29	56	85	5	13	0	13	0	0	0	8	3	5
" *Swedish,*	1891	Frederick Anderson,	Gustaf Staaf, *p.*	'89	'94	21	34	55	4	6	4	10	1	2	0	3	0	0
" Faith,	1894	Arthur P. Smith,	Harry C. Meserve, *p. c.*	'95	'94	31	79	110	4	6	22	28	0	6	0	6	5	1

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Sandisfield,	John A. Northaway,	40	21	60	40	5	0	6	9	0	12	0	0	30	0	200
Sandwich,	E. J. Edwards,	112	66	71	51	68	0	0	55	12	0	0	12	147	0	
Saugus,	John E. Stocker,	127	74	80	25	92	0	0	86	0	0	0	9	187	0	1,003
" Clift'd'e,	William F. Sawyer,	160	80	125	43	83	0	5	125	0	4	0	30	247	0	1,980
Scituate,	John H. Young,	80	49	50	49	16	0	0	59	12	5	0	4	96	400	945
Seekonk,	D. D. Peck,	70	34	30	30	0	0	2	5	5	0	0	0	12	0	276
Sharon,	Sanford W. Billings,	150	76	90	55	106	20	23	197	89	0	0	0	435	435	1,274
Sheffield,	Dea. R. F. Little,	86	55	100	57	96	42	5	69	31	8	0	11	262	0	1,400
Shelburne,	Luther W. Truesdell,	190	120	80	80	161	6	24	37	81	4	3	55	371	0	1,434
" Falls,	E. J. Stockwell,	220	131	184	59	92	10	15	75	21	7	10	130	360	0	1,590
Sherborn,	E. C. Barber,	150	64	100	60	60	0	0	75	0	3	0	50	188	0	1,200
Shirley,	Henry D. Martin,	111	56	65	90	44	0	7	31	12	5	0	30	129	0	1,480
Shrewsbury,	Rev. E. A. Lathrop,	161	68	117	62	87	0	0	57	22	0	21	5	192	0	2,185
Shutesbury,	N. A. Briggs,	38	23	35	15	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	28	48	0	305
Somerset,	Dea. Wm. H. Marble,	83	42	71	32	40	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	50	0	950
Somerville, 1st,	Charles H. Colgate,	358	204	275	83	224	38	268	43	4	8	0	739	1,324	0	5,107
" Broadway,	Charles W. Colman,	375	209	250	125	280	10	17	1,387	25	15	6	325	2,065	0	12,000
" West,	E. W. Hubbard,	327	170	350	60	0	0	88	0	25	0	0	116	229	0	6,500
" Prospect Hill,	C. S. Clapham,	473	301	275		56	26	63	91	82	52	0	273	643	0	6,500
" Winter Hill,	John Herbert,	270	175	180	80	251	25	40	153	209	20	25	670	1,393	0	5,900
" Highland,	Herbert L. Jones,	240	139	200	80	27	0	0	19	17	0	0	25	88	0	4,471
Southampton,		121	69	80	44	87	0	0	53	45	9	12	127	333	0	1,350
Southboro',	H. A. McMaster,	65	33	50	20	39	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	92	0	1,250
" Southville,	Wilbur A. Ward,	35	23	24	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	10	20	0	228
Southbridge,	Lyman E. Sibley,	185	87	112	68	96	2	1	272	224	0	0	0	595	0	2,350
South Hadley,	J. Lyman Griswold,	182	123	172	79	569	14	3	473	190	63	0	422	1,734	0	2,050
" Falls,	Henry E. Judd,	346	225	250	120	164	157	44	492	151	21	7	408	1,444	0	2,766
Southwick,	Herbert S. Miller,	82	57	70	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600
Spencer,	E. W. Norwood,	532	283	441	160	606	61	110	1,067	159	58	0	175	2,236	0	5,808
Springfield, 1st,	Milton A. Dixon,	743	416	740	69	2,256	397	87	1,672	195	81	245	3,231	8,164	0	15,263
" Olivet,	Edward C. Hazen,	267	131	223	96	538	18	44	288	96	39	10	158	1,191	0	2,621
" South,	Norman H. Carkhuff,	265	180	200	0	2,585	471	161	2,117	579	136	120	823	6,992	0	12,080
" North,	Charles H. Burnham,	383	241	225	128	325	59	27	603	126	25	0	5,135	6,300	0	6,835
" Indian Orch.,	David Greenaway,	182	135	135	140	106	120	0	73	33	0	0	326	658	0	3,215
" Hope,	Benjamin L. Bragg,	685	446	500	203	882	1,303	42	2,028	75	547	0	415	5,292	0	8,549
" *French*,	O. A. Auger,	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	35	40	0	240
" Eastern av.,	William L. Ladbury,	225	150	100	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	2,776
" Emmanuel,	H. V. R. Schemerhorn,	150	107	65	72	3	29	1	28	3	7	1	6	78	0	1,127
" Park,	Charles Jacobus,	226	130	100	74	147	0	0	200	0	0	0	342	689	0	9,635
" St. John's,	David Jennings,	132	72	72	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	660
" *Swedish*,	Frederick Anderson,	25	22	24	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	65	0	720
Faith,	Enos E. Penney,	129	78	125	25	21	0	8	21	65	0	0	135	250	0	2,603

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Sterling,	1852	Rev. George H. Pratt,	George H. Pratt, *p.*	'66	'93	21	63	84	6	8	2	10	0	3	1	4	6	0
Stockbridge,	1734	Charles A. Bidwell,	Charles S. Rich, *p. c.*	'96	'96	67	137	204	38	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	0
" **Curtisville,**	1824	Dea. John W. Ford,				35	49	84	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
Stoneham,	1729	Dea. O. W. Richardson,				78	185	263	62	0	10	10	8	6	0	14	0	2
Stoughton,	1799	Miss J. G. Carpenter,	Caleb L. Rotch, *p.*	'79	'93	37	88	125	24	2	5	7	1	2	6	9	1	0
Sturbridge,	1736	Rev. A. Holbrook,	Augustus M. Rice, *p.*	'73	'93	32	67	99	28	2	4	6	2	4	0	6	1	2
Sudbury, **South,**	1640	Dea. F. F. Walker,	Clarence W. Rouse, *p. c.*	'90	'94	55	108	163	28	0	3	3	5	2	0	7	0	0
Sunderland,	1718	Rev. E. P. Butler,	Edward P. Butler, *p. c.*	'74	'89	92	130	222	26	1	2	3	12	2	5	19	1	12
Sutton,	1720	C.S.White,**Wilkinsonv'e**	John C. Hall, *p. c.*	'90	'91	49	102	151	43	0	3	3	5	2	0	7	0	6
Swampscott,	1846	Barnet W. Redfern,				20	96	116	15	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	0
Taunton, West,	1637	Mrs. W. Chase, jr.,	Charles Clark, *p.*	'94	'94	16	39	55	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Trinitarian,	1821	Erastus Morse,				79	206	285	39	3	3	6	4	3	0	7	2	3
" Winslow,	1837	Dea. Geo. W. Andros,	T. Clayton Welles, *p. c.*	'72	'92	91	206	297	26	13	10	23	3	0	0	3	7	1
" **East,**	1853	Charles W. King,	Frank Park, *p.*	'95	'95	19	41	60	30	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	0
" Union,	1868	Frank R. Knox,	Frank L. Luce, *p. c.*	'96	'97	57	151	208	34	4	4	8	2	6	3	11	1	0
Templeton,	1832	John M. Brown,	Gabriel B. Kambour, *p. c.*	'93	'93	28	66	94	13	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
Tewksbury,	1735	Miss Anna S. Coggin,	Elbridge C. Whiting, *p.*	'91	'96	42	86	128	27	0	0	0	1	11	0	12	0	1
Tolland,	1797	C. E. Slocum,	Samuel B. Andrews, *p.*	'68	'96	15	26	41	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0
Topsfield,	1663	Miss A. F. Ferguson,	Francis A. Poole, *p. c.*	'93	'95	37	93	130	26	3	0	3	5	2	0	7	1	0
Townsend,	1734	Miss Emma F. Gates,	Charles H. Rowley, *p.*	'81	'90	48	135	183	35	2	1	3	3	1	0	4	2	0
Truro,	1711	Dea. Daniel E. Paine,	William Harris, *p.*	'76	'95	12	21	33	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" **North,**	1840	Mrs. Benj. Coan,	[Arthur H. Scudder, *Meth.*]		'97	0	7	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Tyngsboro',	1868	Dea. John P. Coburn,	Sarah A. Dixon, *p. c.*	'97	'97	19	39	58	15	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	0
Upton,	1735	Olive M. Johnson,	Alex. Wiswall, *p. c.*	'79	'93	46	173	219	37	5	2	7	6	4	0	10	4	5
Uxbridge,	1730	Imogen W. Mascroft,	Frank L. Bristol, *p.*	'75	'88	30	107	137	29	4	0	4	6	4	0	10	2	6
Wakefield,	1645	John W. White,	Albert P. Davis, *p. c.*	'94	'94	136	282	418	72	9	16	25	7	16	2	25	7	7
Walpole,	1826	S. Eugene Bentley,	Frank C. Putnam, *p. c.*	'94	'94	57	143	200	40	6	0	6	2	7	0	9	2	0
" **East,**	1877																	
Waltham,	1820	Chas. W. Durgin,	Charles E. Harrington,*p.c.*	'74	'94	170	379	549	142	8	11	19	6	9	0	15	2	2
" *Swedish,*	1892	Alfred A. Beavesth,	Carl A. Lundgren, *p.*	'93	'96	16	40	56	6	3	5	8	0	3	2	5	0	0
Ware,	1751	Miss M. R. Howard,	Edward L. Chute, *p.*	'80	'96	15	48	63	14	0	3	3	3	9	0	12	0	0
" East,	1826	Henry K. Hyde,	Austin B. Bassett, *p. c.*	'87	'91	131	321	452	67	5	11	16	10	11	0	21	1	7
" *French,*	1887	Rev. L. E. Rivard,	Laurent E. Rivard, *p.*	'94	'93	14	14	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1
Wareham,	1739	Harriet E. Smith,	J. Herbert Yeoman. *p.*	'77	'95	20	49	69	13	3	9	12	2	0	0	2	2	1
Warren, 1st,	1743	Georgo E. Tarbell,	William B. Forbush, *p. c.*	'92	'96	121	197	318	52	4	11	15	5	11	0	16	2	9
" **West,**	1866	Dea. Milton Dickson,				7	18	25	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick,	1829	Dea. E. C. Chase,	Edmond F. Blanchard, *p.*	'94	'94	20	34	54	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Watertown,	1855	J. Henry Green,	Edward C. Porter, *p. c.*	'84	'89	105	193	298	38	9	5	14	6	3	0	9	2	7
Wayland,	1828	Frederick H. Fowler,	[T. A. Wilson, *Meth.*]	'89	'96	17	32	49	19	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Webster,	1838	Edwin L. Spalding,	Henry A. Blake, *p.*	'76	'88	75	149	224	30	0	0	0	3	7	7	17	0	4

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Sterling,	Arthur S. Wilder,	126	56	75	50	35	5	19	108	23	13	0	58	261	0	1,143
Stockbridge,	Clarence H. Perry,	173	103	90	62	88	72	15	66	138	38	22	346	785	0	3,292
" Cur.	Dea. F. Palmer, Stockbridge,	70	40	50	32	62	7	47	56	40	12	0	41	265	0	650
Stoneham,	John Cross,	351	154	244	102	151	5	8	159	454	5	4	484	1,270	100	2,958
Stoughton,	Emerson N. Wilkins,	223	120	200	60	14	1	5	14	9	8	0	9	60	0	2,600
Sturbridge,	Henry D. Haynes,	93	51	73	36	58	0	19	58	107	5	0	15	262	0	1,052
Sudbury,	Leonard F. Richardson,	135	68	110	43	57	14	18	159	106	62	38	0	454	0	1,868
Sunderland,	A. M. Darling,	232	108	102	40	249	73	82	328	107	53	0	17	909	0	1,250
Sutton,	C. S. White,	118	66	145	21	66	16	16	34	18	16	0	103	269	0	1,376
Swampscott,	Gardner P. Balch,	165	86	180	41	118	10	15	106	15	20	5	65	354	0	2,100
Taunton, West,	Lewis P. Luther,	92	54	75	42	28	0	0	27	13	25	0	0	93	0	992
" Trin.,	William H. Fox,	287	147	250	127	447	117	54	718	172	64	0	400	1,972	0	6,371
" Winslow,	William W. Atkins,	431	248	265	145	158	17	36	159	150	36	4	200	760	0	4,971
" East,	Charles W. King,	41	24	47	0	28	0	0	18	0	0	0	39	85	44	700
" Union,	Nathaniel A. Cushman,	234	162	250	85	87	12	10	47	29	8	0	179	372	0	2,329
Templeton,	James O. Winch,	96	44	40	48	27	8	8	13	9	7	0	35	107	0	825
Tewksbury,	Enoch Foster,	112	75	126	60	49	16	0	15	0	26	0	43	149	0	1,500
Tolland,	Mrs. Watson Hale,	40	25	29	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	216
Topsfield,	A. M. Dodge,	140	76	125	80	44	0	0	0	35	0	0	10	89	0	
Townsend,	A. S. Howard,	145	85	145	65	138	7	7	66	49	11	0	6	284	0	1,475
Truro,	John B. Dyer,	45	23	36	0	12	0	0	13	6	0	0	5	36	0	340
" North,	Rev. A. H. Scudder,	50	36	45	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	27	0	570
Tyngsboro',	C. Howard Scholefield,	135	59	59	42	8	0	6	0	8	7	0	34	63	0	1,140
Upton,	Appleton P. Williams,	244	101	250	75	109	9	6	55	38	0	19	97	333	50	1,250
Uxbridge,	Rev. F. L. Bristol,	240	172	179	90	56	20	79	49	82	43	9	19	357	0	2,950
Wakefield,	A. D. Dimick,	503	293	300	193	491	109	31	332	349	55	0	177	1,544	0	5,569
Walpole,	Gilman F. Allen,	220	123	155	70	174	19	11	332	52	51	10	0	649	0	2,489
" East,	J. Lewis Boyden,	50	40													
Waltham,	Marshall J. Mosher,	572	254	400	154	156	43	61	282	163	77	20	202	1,004	0	4,657
" *Swedish*,	Victor Landström,	35	30	12	25	0	0	5	12	0	0	0	23	40	0	845
Ware,	Rev. E. L. Chute,	60	45	59	17	31	0	0	20	21	21	0	20	113	0	1,100
" East,	Thomas P. Studd,	415	266	310	150	1,026	300	57	968	809	79	0	356	3,595	0	3,953
" *French*,	Rev. L. E. Rivard,	16	15	17	0	1	0	0	11	21	2	0	6	41	0	67
Wareham,	Arthur B. Larcher,	175	62	80	72	102	10	0	80	31	19	0	0	242	0	1,543
Warren, 1st,	Dea. Charles H. Walker,	295	165	284	115	382	151	169	600	238	131	0	102	1,773	0	3,000
" West,		0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick,	W. E. Blackmer, N. Orange,	50	33	38	25	10	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	18	0	340
Watertown,	Orlando W. Dimick,	217	136	175	54	837	0	0	800	177	0	0	950	2,764	0	3,513
Wayland,	William S. Lovell,	30	23	50	29	5	0	0	3	0	6	0	9	23	0	
Webster,	J. Evarts Hitchcock,	270	170	160	76	191	28	42	294	60	42	52	221	930	0	2,300

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Wellesley,	1798	Robert E. Anderson,	Edward H. Chandler, *p. c.*	'92	'97	86	200	286	60	3	4	7	4	12	0	-16	0	0
" **Hills,**	1847	T. Wallace Travis,	Parris T. Farwell, *p. c.*	'83	'95	36	81	117	18	3	5	8	1	0	0	+1	2	7
Wellfleet,	1723	Dea. Simeon Atwood,	Dorrall Lee, *p.*	'74	'97	47	114	161	50	0	0	0	7	0	0	-7	0	0
" **South,**	1833	Winslow Paine,				18	36	54	26	0	0	0	1	1	0	-2	0	0
Wendell,	1774	Mrs. Ellen L. Baker,	Edward P. Seymour, *p.*	'92	'96	14	15	29	8	5	1	6	0	0	0	+0	3	0
Wenham,	1663	Benj. H. Conant,	Arthur N. Ward, *p.*	'79	'91	24	56	80	20	2	0	2	3	1	0	-4	1	0
Westboro,	1724	Otis K. Newton,	Merle A. Breed, *p.*	'93	'95	135	297	432	100	1	5	6	8	8	0	16	0	2
West Boylston,	1796	Dea. E. B. Rice,	Samuel A. Harlow, *p.*	'82	'96	32	78	110	29	4	0	4	2	3	0	-5	2	0
West Brookfield,	1717	Edwin Wilbur,	Charles W. Loomis, *p.*	'88	'95	56	141	197	28	0	3	3	6	3	4	-13	0	0
Westfield, 1st,	1679	Rev. J. H. Lockwood,	John H. Lockwood, *p. c.*	'71	'79	117	344	461	40	6	12	18	7	15	6	-28	2	5
" 2d,	1856	Miss J. E. Strong,	Lyman H. Blake, *p. c.*	'67	'81	132	293	425	64	5	5	10	9	8	0	17	3	5
Westford,	1828	Leonard W. Wheeler,	[Elijah H. Roper, *Lic.*]		'97	20	62	82	28	4	2	6	3	1	2	6	0	0
Westhampton,	1779	Frederick H. Judd,	Arthur C. Townsend, *p. c.*	'91	'91	90	131	221	34	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	1	0
Westminster,	1742	Dea. James B. Wood,	John W. Lees, *p.*	'70	'95	52	110	162	22	0	2	2	3	5	5	13	0	0
West Newbury, 1st,	1698	B. F. Robinson,	William B. T. Smith,	'93	'97	33	70	103	12	0	1	1	2	2	0	-4	0	3
" 2d,	1731	Miss Emly A. Bailey,	Frederick B. Noyes, *p. c.*	'90	'91	18	97	115	28	1	0	1	3	0	0	-3	1	0
Weston,	1891	Mrs. F. T. Fuller,	Robert F. Gordon, *p.*	'75	'91	9	17	26	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	±0	0	0
Westport,	1858	Mrs. S. E. Gammons,	John Graham, *p.*	'90	'94	11	29	40	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Springfield,	1698	Dea. J. M. Smith,	Sidney K. Perkins, *p.*	'80	'93	42	85	127	23	0	0	0	1	4	0	-5	0	6
" **Mittineague,**	1850	Eugene H. Shepard,	Alphens M. Spangler, *p. c.*	'88	'88	75	108	183	38	3	4	7	2	2	2	-6	0	3
" Park st.,	1871	Ethan Brooks,	Albert E. Fitch, *p.*	'96	'96	49	111	160	18	0	2	2	3	3	0	-6	0	1
West Stockbridge, Centre,	1789	Miss E. Rockwell,	Walter W. Curtis,	'72	'90	5	19	24	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	-1	1	0
" Village,	1833	Cyrus W. Sprague,	Walter W. Curtis,	'72	'83	27	70	97	25	1	3	4	2	2	0	-4	1	0
West Tisbury,	1673	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	Horace Parker, *p.*	'61	'92	30	71	101	12	4	0	4	0	1	0	+1	4	0
Weymouth, 1st, **Heights,**	1623	Wm. E. Humphrey,	Robert R. Kendall, *p. c.*	'78	'91	28	70	98	25	2	1	3	3	0	0	+3	2	0
" Old South, **South,**	1723	Alfred O. Crawford,	Henry C. Alvord, *p. c.*	'79	'86	45	110	155	34	2	0	2	0	4	0	-4	1	1
" and Braintree,	1811	Miss JessieMacgregor, *a*	Henry S. Snyder,	'85	'97	31	127	158	30	0	2	2	4	2	0	-6	0	0
" Union, **South,**	1842	John F. Vining,	Frank E. Butler, *p.*	'87	'96	51	123	174	33	1	3	4	2	3	0	-5	1	0
" Pilgrim, **North,**	1852	Wilson E. Beane,	Thomas H. Vincent,	'89	'97	48	88	136		0	0	0	3	2	0	-5	0	0
" **East,**	1860	Charles B. Cushing,	Daniel Evans, *p. c.*	'91	'91	75	174	249	45	5	2	7	4	0	0	+4	4	4
Whately,	1771	Henry A. Wilder, *b*	George L. Dickinson, *p. c.*	'76	'90	58	102	160	34	0	3	3	0	4	0	-4	0	8
Whitman,	1807	B. F. Peterson,	Frank S. Hunnewell, *p.*	'88	'91	78	162	240	34	3	5	8	8	9	0	-17	1	2
Wilbraham,	1741	Dea. Francis E. Clark,	Martin S. Howard, *p. c.*	'56	'68	52	85	137	52	4	1	5	1	3	0	+4	2	0
" **North,**	1886	Merrick H. Cooley,	Henry B. Mason, *p. c.*	'92	'96	22	38	60	11	1	2	3	1	1	0	+2	0	0
Williamsburg,	1771	Dea. Henry W. Hill,	John Pierpont,	'88	'97	67	149	216	31	7	5	12	3	3	0	+6	3	3
" **Haydenville,**	1851	Dea. H. C. Smith,	George H. Buck, *p.*	'94	'94	40	110	150	30	0	1	1	3	5	9	-17	0	3
Williamstown, 1st,	1765	Bushnell Danforth,				105	225	330	95	6	2	8	3	7	0	-10	0	0
" College,	1834	O. M. Fernald,				11	8	19	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	+0	0	0
" **South,**	1836	J. Cicero Torrey,	[George P. Merritt, *Lic.*]		'97	11	31	42	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0
" White Oaks,	1868	Mrs. Mary R. Hunter,	[Garrett V. Stryker, *Lic.*]		'96	27	56	83	21	10	3	13	0	3	0	+3	7	0

a **East Braintree.** *b* **North Hatfield.** West Roxbury, *see* Boston.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Wellesley,	Charles E. Fuller,	220	146	195	138	123	24	84	111	96	0	27	188	653	0	3,500
" Hills,	T. Wallace Travis,	102	68	109	81	794	550	123	830	145	40	0	221	2,703	0	3,418
Wellfleet,	Thomas Kemp,	100	56	95	30	11	0	0	14	0	0	0	7	32	0	1,300
" South,	Miss Nettie S. Paine,	54	25	35	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	12	22	0	300
Wendell,	Fred E. Davis,	50	26	50	37	3	1	1	6	1	2	1	2	17	0	532
Wenham,	Fred A. Williams,	125	64	125	42	25	4	25	30	13	9	0	69	175	0	950
Westboro,	Ira M. Beaman,	285	179	300	140	311	34	29	960	200	37	20	117	1,708	0	2,845
West Boylston,	Herbert A. Holmes,	95	47	128	20	36	5	5	100	92	33	0	79	350	0	1,763
West Brookfield,	Myron Richardson,	139	97	200	51	75	49	19	367	67	0	11	96	684	0	1,754
Westfield, 1st,	Rev. J. H. Lockwood,	487	341	345	123	786	30	24	1,077	179	61	119	1,197	3,473	0	4,869
" 2d,	Frank C. Parker,	283	177	349	187	193	12	18	355	95	10	7	737	1,427	0	6,130
Westford,	Houghton G. Osgood,	75	42	60	33	96	0	0	17	5	0	0	0	118	0	5,000
Westhampton,	Henry A. Parsons,	157	87	100	51	191	84	12	252	84	25	9	145	802	0	1,321
Westminster,	Edward C. Damon,	118	78	90	54	146	0	6	81	80	7	6	30	356	0	1,400
W. Newbury, 1st,	Jarvis K. Gambrell,	191	57		100	7	7	20	24	16	0	0	26	100	13	758
" 2d,	Dea. Robert L. Smith,	170	82	169	52	19	0	0	12	8	0	0	41	80	0	
Weston,	John C. Macdonald,	40	18	24	30	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	12	18	0	675
Westport,	Mrs. J. B. Parris,	113	61		30	51	0	0	56	25	0	0	57	189	0	882
W. Springfield,	H. L. Brown,	115	64	75	24	62	13	9	100	125	42	0	25	376	0	4,602
" Mittineague,	Frank O. Scott,	195	131	115	62	91	10	23	36	40	22	11	39	272	0	2,200
" Park st.,	Nelson Sherburne,	123	90	95	0	214	27	0	236	128	10	0	40	655	0	2,500
W. Stockbridge,	Jared S. Adams, **Alford,**	17	9	25	0	0	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	11	0	155
" Village,	William N. Bartlett,	113	76	75	71	111	5	15	15	20	10	2	30	208	0	1,113
West Tisbury,	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	57	40	50	30	0	0	0	132	0	15	0	24	171	0	591
Weymouth, 1st,	Dea. B. F. Richards,	77	34	83	32	146	23	23	75	91	7	0	30	395	0	1,722
" Old South,	Matthew R. Loud,	166	112	130	51	167	10	11	195	122	15	0	150	670	0	2,200
" and Braint'e		114	65		51	42	9	0	95	86	0	62	60	354	0	2,074
" Un., South,	Louis A. Cook,	223	117	175	54	414	125	14	25	81	0	0	36	695	0	3,605
" Pilgrim,	Charles L. Seabury,	185	76	170	60	112	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	132	0	2,360
" East,	Charles D. Canterbury,	282	132	220	124	172	35	45	135	100	10	0	136	633	0	2,154
Whately,	H. S. Higgins, **East Whately,**	125	67	150	40	37	10	0	0	34	0	0	115	196	0	1,000
Whitman,	Carlos P. Faunce,	m560	212	280	90	42	24	22	130	47	12	0	317	594	0	3,626
Wilbraham,	Ethelbert Bliss,	83	65	75	21	19	0	10	18	10	25	0	21	103	2,850	1,376
" North,	Joseph M. Perry,	65	28	80	42	20	3	3	12	47	21	101	28	235	0	1,186
Williamsburg,	Frank Richards,	145	85	110	50	250	55	20	210	45	0	54	22	656	0	1,500
" Haydenville,	T. S. Purrington,	154	87	120	52	64	0	6	47	15	16	33	231	412	0	1,754
Williamsto'n, 1st,	George B. Waterman,	158	92	200	90	863	65	36	532	80	10	0	0	1,586	0	2,937
" College,		0	0		0	901	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	901	0	
" South,	George P. Merritt,	65	34	70	37	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	556
Williamstown W.O	Frederick C. Lindley,	100	58	98	59	8	0	2	33	3	2	0	9	57	0	311

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.		MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Wilmington,	1733	Chester W. Clark,	Elijah Harmon, *p. c.*	'67	'85	30	70	100	14	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	3
Winchendon, 1st,	1762	Mrs. L. E. Jones,	Gustavus W. Jones, *p. c.*	'69	'90	22	22	44	16	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
" North,	1843	Rev. Davis Foster,	Davis Foster, *p. c.*	'55	'67	74	175	249	44	0	4	4	5	1	0	6	0	5
Winchester,	1840	Rev. Edwin B. Palmer,	D. Augustine Newton, *p. c.*	'82	'89	204	363	567	69	20	9	29	8	1	0	9	8	5
Windsor,	1773	Howlitt C. Cleveland,	George Sterling,	'74	'97	13	22	35	7	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	0
Winthrop,	1896	William H. Gardner,	Arthur Truslow, *p. c.*	'96	'96	7	17	24	1	2	22	24	0	0	0	0	2	0
Woburn,	1642	Dea. Jos. G. Pollard,	Doremus Scudder, *p. c.*	'85	'95	234	428	662	99	26	13	39	11	22	9	42	12	4
" North,	1849	Dr. J. P. Bixby,	George H. Tilton, *p. c.*	'73	'96	39	76	115	16	2	4	6	2	3	0	5	1	1
" *Scandinavian*,	1884	C. R. Rosenquist,	Carl J. Larson,	'95	'97	29	51	80	6	21	2	23	1	9	4	14	0	5
" Montvale,	1892	Dea. Wm. H. Huber,	[J. Jackson,]		'97	9	19	28	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Worcester, 1st,	1719	Wilton H. Merriam,	Arcturus Z. Conrad, *p. c.*	'85	'90	286	606	892		30	45	75	13	22	0	35	22	10
" Central,	1820	Clinton Alvord,	Daniel Merriman, *p. c.* / Edw. M. Chapman, *p. c.*	'68 / '90	'78 / '93	143	307	450	25	14	13	27	7	8	11	26	10	4
" Union,	1836	Francis E. Kimball,	Ebenezer Cutler, *p.c.*, *em.* / John E. Tuttle, *p. c.*	'50 / '83	'55 / '96	228	504	732	130	2	0	2	15	14	0	29	0	0
" Summer st.,	1865	Dea. Chas L. Crover,	Orange C. Bailey, *p.*	'85	'94	42	79	121	20	10	7	17	1	0	0	1	7	3
" Plymouth,	1869	J. N. Greene,	Archibald McCullagh, *p.c.*	'71	'90	282	493	775		16	17	33	8	12	0	20	5	12
" Piedmont,	1872	Henry L. Miller,				268	467	735		9	16	25	5	20	0	25	4	6
" *Swedish*, 1st,	1880	Victor Sohlberg,	August L. Anderson, *p.*	'86	'94	123	163	286	3	39	16	55	0	6	18	24	0	15
" Pilgrim,	1885	Horace Hobbs,	Alexander Lewis, *p. c.*	'90	'96	174	341	515	20	31	47	78	7	13	1	21	19	8
" Park,	1887	Charles M. Smith,	Inman L. Wilcox, *p. c.*	'89	'91	58	161	219	35	18	12	30	1	10	0	11	15	2
" Covenant,	1889	Kendall Crossfield,	John E. Hurlbut, *p.*	'75	'90	26	59	85	12	3	4	7	1	1	0	2	2	0
" Hope,	1889	Robert Hamil,	Ellsworth W. Phillips, *p. c.*	'91	'91	65	113	178	10	6	10	16	1	4	0	5	1	14
" Lake View,	1890	John G. Logan,	John H. Matthews, *p.*	'91	'97	19	40	59	11	6	1	7	1	2	4	7	5	5
" Belmont,	1890	Henry M. Brownell,	William B. Oleson, *p.*	'77	'94	51	87	138		12	15	27	0	13	0	13	0	1
" Bethany,	1891	G. Edward Thayer,	Albert G. Todd, *p.*	'90	'93	26	65	91	28	2	4	6	0	3	0	3	1	0
" *Armenian*,	1892		[H. G. Benneyan, *Lic.*]		'96	65	10	75	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Immanuel,	1893	Dea. Chas. H. Putnam,	George S. Dodge, *p. c.*	'72	'93	47	71	118	10	6	3	9	1	3	0	4	3	6
" *Swedish*, 2d,	1894	A. J. Johnson,	John Udd, *p. c.*	'96	'96	59	67	126	2	39	0	39	1	0	3	4	0	4
Worthington,	1771	Dea. Albert J. Randall,	Edward C. Camp *p.*	'94	'94	43	103	146	31	9	6	15	1	3	0	4	8	2
Wrentham,	1692	Charles E. Brown,	Edward C. Hood, *p.*	'74	'92	38	109	147	22	2	3	5	4	6	0	10	1	4
Yarmouth,	1639	A. H. Eldridge, 2d,	John J. Walker, *p. c.*	'94	'97	25	111	136	21	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	1
" West,	1840	Miss Abbie B. Crowell,	Henry S. Kimball, *p.*	'66	'92	7	9	16	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	2

Whitinsville, *see* Northbridge. Wollaston, *see* Quincy. Woods Holl, *see* Falmouth.

CHANGES from last *Year-Book's* list of churches: *Added*, — Boston, Garrison Memorial; Brockton, Waldo; Brookline, Leyden; Groton, West; Leverett, Moore's Corner; Winthrop.
Omitted, — Alford; Worcester, Salem St. and Union are reorganized, and united in the present Union church.

CHURCHES: 274 with pastors installed by council; 241 with pastors otherwise inducted; 10 with supplies; 68 vacant (including 18 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations). Total, 593.

MINISTERS: 280 pastors installed by council; 226 pastors otherwise inducted; 10 supplies; 271 others. Total, 787.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 35,331 males; 75,892 females. Total, 111,228, including 17,453 absent. Gain, 1,044.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Wilmington,	Maurice Buck,	150	80	100	65	30	5	5	0	41	2	3	71	157	0	1,200
Winchendon, 1st,	George B. Stone,	50	35	50	25	75	5	5	130	75	5	5	5	305	0	450
" North,	Dea. Henry S. Allen,	299	152	200	89	417	17	85	317	215	10	0	462	1,523	0	2,600
Winchester,	E. Lawrence Barnard,	440	278	342	106	1,503	133	143	1,354	551	132	137	1,065	5,018	0	7,948
Windsor,	C. B. Goodell,	65	40	90	43	1	0	0	12	5	5	0	2	25	0	435
Winthrop,	George S. Freeman,	50	30	50	15	0	0	0	6	30	9	0	5	50	0	628
Woburn,	Frank E. Cotton,	707	387	620	198	1,252	498	111	629	312	54	310	391	3,557	0	6,806
" North,	Dea. Benjamin F. Kimball,	188	130	125	107	129	11	19	49	11	7	0	6	232	0	1,532
" *Scand.*,	A. J. Simonson,	82	51	40	20	25	0	36	0	0	0	6	55	116	0	1,284
" Montvale,	William F. Greenough,	60	40	30	40	20	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	27	0	500
Worcester, 1st,	Charles D. Nye,	700	455	820	236	726	92	74	1,270	89	0	93	756	3,100	500	13,000
" Central,	U. W. Cutler,	577	288	445	68	896	201	48	1,262	210	28	1	5,681	8,327	0	8,400
" Union,	Daniel C. Turner,	430	236	450	125	1,413	620	487	4,422	594	58	43	376	8,013	0	7,578
" Summer st.,	Edward L. Smith,	126	84	73	58	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	75	160	0	2,356
" Plymouth,	John A. Tatman,	510	282	430	155	4,525	10,178	763	2,306	689	139	0	4,875	23,475	0	15,167
" Piedmont,	Andrew W. Edson,	570	353	300	120	2,179	225	31	2,800	200	67	17	1,500	7,019	0	17,963
" *Swed.*, 1st,	Eric Ljungquisk,	m345	275		0	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	439	559	0	4,171
" Pilgrim,	Benjamin F. Joslyn,	825	455	500	225	338	40	393	892	192	25	5	664	2,549	0	11,574
" Park,	Charles M. Smith,	330	174	300	95	76	23	27	150	17	6	0	13	312	0	4,400
" Covenant,	Henry M. Scribner,	191	98	130	40	25	0	0	40	0	2	0	0	67	0	1,216
" Hope,	Frank A. Thompson,	340	186	170	83	163	0	0	132	34	7	0	67	403	0	2,640
" LakeView,	John G. Logan,	150	94	77	68	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	50	0	1,050
" Belmont,	John A. Sherman,	335	167	65	100	121	0	0	12	0	0	0	67	200	0	2,189
" Bethany,	Charles H. Hill,	100	52	85	33	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	12	34	0	1,410
" *Armenian*,	D. Shooshanian,	15		12	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	170	200	0	1,000
" Immanuel,	John G. Murdock,	178	135	150	78	77	0	16	58	22	18	0	75	266	0	1,950
" *Swed.*, 2d,	A. P. Anderson,	237	193		0	77	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	85	0	
Worthington,	Perley A. Skelton,	127	62	90	43	30	2	2	34	50	2	0	0	120	0	1,070
Wrentham,	N. H. Fales,	168	99	125	105	244	0	18	105	9	35	9	78	498	0	2,378
Yarmouth,	Miss Maria Matthews,	80	47		35	50	5	5	195	100	20	0	0	375	0	1,700
" West,	Dea. Isaiah Crowell,	26	22	25	0	4	0	0	3	7	0	0	6	20	0	280

ADDITIONS: 3,382 by confession; 3,050 by letter. Total, 6,432.
REMOVALS: 1,848 by death; 2,590 by dismissal; 915 by discipline. Total, 5,353.
BAPTISMS: 1,633 adult; 1,616 infant.
IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Members, 121,378. Gain, 3,410. Average, 70,421.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number, 531; 39,648 members.
FAMILIES: 560 churches reporting (575 last year), 84,872. Loss, 3,318.
BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 580 churches reporting (575 last year): Foreign, $170,184; Education, $41,047; Church Building, $29,752; Home, $172,565; A. M. A., $53,089; Sunday School, $14,231; Ministerial Aid, $6,958; Other, $170,725. Total, $658,551. Decrease, $37,710.
BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $55,114.
HOME EXPENDITURES: 566 churches reporting (562 last year), $1,587,443. Increase, $46,668.
ORGANIZATION: Twenty-five Conferences, united in THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUMMARIES.

THE CONFERENCES.		THE MINISTERS.					MEMBERS.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				BAPTISMS.	
Name.	Year of Organization.	Churches.	With P. C.'s	With P.'s	With other Supplies.	Unsupplied.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Confession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Letter.	Discipline.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.
Andover,	1859	27	17	5	1	4	1,921	4,420	6,341	1,294	218	142	360	112	151	39	302	83	106
Barnstable,	1828	23	2	13	0	8	406	1,237	1,643	273	60	23	83	50	18	6	74	42	16
Berkshire, N.,	1867	17	7	4	0	6	1,175	2,185	3,360	504	86	67	153	45	71	58	174	34	62
" S.,	1860	19	5	5	3	6	686	1,403	2,089	412	62	56	118	45	48	23	116	42	31
Brookfield,	1821	22	9	12	0	1	1,001	2,192	3,193	626	62	75	137	68	92	18	178	34	40
Essex, N.,	1828	27	17	6	0	4	1,479	3,566	5,045	576	96	77	173	86	60	9	155	53	42
" S.,	1827	37	26	10	0	1	1,611	4,435	6,046	888	151	114	265	120	120	86	326	90	80
Franklin,	1843	28	5	21	0	2	1,293	2,312	3,605	547	132	110	242	60	91	25	176	88	57
Hampden,	1850	47	31	15	0	1	3,058	6,302	9,360	1,503	241	314	555	159	239	84	482	125	173
Hampshire,	1865	17	8	9	0	0	1,110	2,552	3,662	527	46	45	91	60	69	14	143	26	69
" E.,	1860	17	3	9	0	5	1,081	1,784	2,865	633	48	58	106	46	65	8	119	22	13
Mendon,	1858	13	4	6	0	3	606	1,576	2,182	440	80	41	121	46	60	2	108	45	26
Middlesex, S.,	1828	21	11	7	0	3	1,186	2,665	3,851	704	77	75	152	60	84	5	149	46	41
" Union,	1853	23	8	13	1	1	1,202	2,441	3,643	680	114	118	232	51	85	14	150	55	68
Norfolk,	1827	35	12	15	2	6	1,867	3,954	5,821	747	225	149	374	101	163	74	338	113	73
Old Colony,	1856	17	5	12	0	0	609	1,465	2,074	288	41	58	99	44	24	15	83	29	7
Pilgrim,	1830	14	4	8	1	1	271	888	1,159	203	28	22	50	19	22	3	44	16	7
Suffolk, N.,	1861	27	15	7	1	4	2,548	5,511	8,059	1,005	220	273	493	135	239	187	561	80	183
" S.,	1860	27	19	6	0	2	2,455	5,151	7,606	1,468	309	309	618	96	259	35	390	112	214
" W.,	1873	25	20	5	0	0	2,924	5,668	8,592	1,223	283	330	613	102	196	63	361	95	103
Taunton,	1849	24	10	12	0	2	1,005	2,327	3,332	520	138	65	203	54	59	21	134	81	60
Woburn,	1848	23	13	9	0	1	1,906	3,867	5,773	816	260	191	451	102	107	16	225	114	82
Worcester	1852	30	11	18	0	1	2,638	5,029	7,667	748	319	244	563	96	159	60	315	145	107
" N.,	1827	16	5	7	0	4	602	1,295	1,897	349	42	47	89	40	36	18	94	39	8
" S.,	1828	16	7	7	0	2	679	1,655	2,334	479	43	47	90	50	73	32	155	23	48
Associated with R. I.,		1			1		12	12	24	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Total,		593	274	241	10	68	35,331	75,892	111,223	17,453	3,382	3,050	6,432	1,848	2,590	915	5,353	1,633	1,616

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Name.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Church Building.	Home Missions.	Am. Mis. Association.	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Aid.	Other.	Total.	Legacies.	Home Expenditures.
Andover,	$4,083	$890	$550	$6,760	$1,761	$420	$220	$11,000	$25,684	$996	$95,395
Barnstable,	507	27	37	781	223	71	1	356	2,003	136	17,140
Berkshire, N.,	6,294	1,871	557	4,980	1,666	364	284	5,279	21,295	3,456	40,668
" S.,	2,019	455	165	1,669	1,041	238	988	981	7,556	0	22,184
Brookfield,	3,387	997	620	4,406	2,389	545	280	1,743	14,367	0	34,514
Essex, N.,	3,277	573	301	3,546	1,533	247	38	4,386	13,901	1,013	52,431
" S.,	6,169	1,042	1,094	6,515	2,761	585	132	9,080	27,378	1,400	72,491
Franklin,	2,125	348	378	2,148	930	311	110	1,303	7,653	1,100	39,364
Hampden,	12,394	3,479	15,128	15,998	3,405	1,444	1,105	35,163	88,116	7,850	140,503
Hampshire,	3,684	542	411	3,661	1,552	173	143	3,384	13,550	1,112	34,555
" E.,	3,171	236	130	2,187	1,002	202	61	2,023	9,012	17,750	19,664
Mendon,	1,782	154	149	1,460	1,021	284	28	2,186	7,064	0	35,515
Middlesex, S.,	4 611	974	449	3,163	1,970	355	144	4,259	15,925	575	40,331
" Union,	3.679	529	291	2,793	2,083	398	135	2,326	12,234	7,100	106,671
Norfolk,	3,909	663	437	4,954	1,881	529	224	5,850	18,447	957	92,646
Old Colony,	2,007	340	84	3,094	486	157	105	1,734	8,007	0	35,403
Pilgrim,	866	64	72	733	465	148	16	276	2,640	400	15,621
Suffolk, N.,	9,453	1,111	877	12,986	2,338	787	446	8,141	36,139	1,925	128,830
" S.,	13,510	4,417	1,318	16,339	4,678	1,305	218	7,589	49,374	4,000	121,368
" W.,	50,663	4,541	2,415	39,537	7,490	2,849	599	22,555	130,649	0	141,136
Taunton,	4,469	1,751	483	6,412	1,427	517	25	14,074	29,158	44	51,879
Woburn,	6,864	1,401	715	4,837	3,419	558	1,.90	5,243	24,227	1,000	79,834
Worcester,	12,405	11,806	1,975	15,158	3,029	485	220	16,019	61,097	2,750	122,579
" N.,	1,220	260	194	1,422	688	68	20	1,184	5,056	1,500	18,990
" S.,	7,636	2,576	920	7,021	3,846	1,191	226	4,591	28,007	50	27,455
Associated with R. I.,	0	0	2	5	5	0	0	0	12	0	276
Total,	$170,184	$41,047	$29,752	$172,565	$53,089	$14,231	$6,958	$170,725	$658,551	$55,114	$1,587,443

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Name.	Members.	Av. Attendance.	Families.	Y. P. S. C. E.	
				No.	Mem's.
Andover	6,587	3,842	4,869	26	2,103
Barnstable	1,788	855	1,336	16	637
Berkshire, N.	3,219	2,092	2,391	15	1,061
" S.	1,679	1,043	1,273	14	824
Brookfield	3,257	1,827	2,758	18	1,186
Essex, N.	5,749	3,168	4,994	22	1,758
" S.	8,215	4,762	5,381	36	3,069
Franklin	4,048	2,330	3,009	27	1,174
Hampden	9,294	5,754	6,717	38	2,778
Hampshire	2,714	1,701	2,292	16	934
" E.	2,048	1,233	1,538	14	894
Mendon	2,196	1,252	1,816	12	885
Middlesex, S.	3,802	2,243	2,970	18	1,358
" Union	3,435	2,061	2,724	22	1,300
Norfolk	7,934	4,155	4,850	34	2,716
Old Colony	2,442	1,373	2,095	15	739
Pilgrim	1,380	655	1,324	17	635
Suffolk, N.	10,426	5,800	6,185	25	2,448
" S.	9,382	6,504	6,210	25	2,994
" W.	7,474	3,981	3,111	19	2,026
Taunton	4,232	2,519	3,044	23	1,269
Woburn	7,254	4,001	4,864	23	2,591
Worcester	8,122	4,790	5,513	27	2,292
" N.	1,980	1,079	1,601	14	904
" S.	2,513	1,551	2,050	15	1,073
Associated with Rhode Island	387				
Total	121,557	70,571	84,845	531	39,648

SUMMARIES OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED.

YEARS.	Churches.				Ministers.									Sabbath Schools.		Benevolent Contributions.	
	Number		Members.		The Pastorate					Deaths.							
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without Installation.	Pastors by C.	Pastors.	Others.		Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
1897.	6	2	1,044	—	11	24	23	0	12	0	2	27		3,410	—	—	$37,710
1896.	1	1	705	—	10	25	22	1	16	1	3	18		52	—	$65,015	—
1895.	5	3	1,950	—	8	21	17	1	26	1	3	22		422	—	—	44,638
1894.	8	0	1,581	—	15	35	30	2	15	2	1	15		1,429	—	—	176,171
1893.	8	2	629	—	9	22	20	0	12	0	1	7		—	995	194,507	—
1892.	9	1	1,655	—	21	24	24	2	8	2	1	11		—	1,404	—	17,737
1891.	6	2	1,999	—	11	24	17	2	9	2	0	10		1,914	—	17,206	—
1890.	5	1	1,190	—	17	29	24	2	5	2	3	13		1,849	—	16,902	—
1889.	17	0	2,461	—	4	32	20	2	12	2	4	11		934	—	20,449	—
1888.	6	2	1,295	—	10	24	25	2	2	2	2	16		2,410	—	—	28,871 35
1887.	1	2	1,425	—	12	22	39	3	4	3	0	7		1,048	—	110,514 49	—
1886.	4	2	1,262	—	11	18	22	0	1	0	1	7		588	—	—	4,394 72
1885.	3	1	3,375	—	8	33	31	2	3	2	0	11		3,355	—	100,919 45	—
1884.	3	2	—	1,945	9	28	26	3	3	3	1	12		1,816	—	23,341 82	—
1883.	0	1	957	—	15	26	27	5	3	5	1	13		2,941	—	137,601 71	—
1882.	4	0	1,276	—	6	14	11	6	3	1	0	5		—	10,999	—	41,877 74
1881.	2	1	—	1,477	15	31	26	3	4	3	3	14		5,232	—	45,231 77	—
1880.	2	4	—	348	12	28	32	7	3	7	0	12		655	—	22,000 27	—
1879.	1	2	319	—	15	28	36	2	9	2	1	18		—	349	15,170 77	—
1878.	4	1	3,995	—	13	35	43	2	6	2	0	10		3,723	—	—	75,297 55
1877.	7	2	2,519	—	7	25	48	5	7	5	2	8		754	—	—	16,274 77
1876.	4	0	787	—	9	29	47	4	14	4	1	10		—	1,119	—	15,929 92
1875.	11	2	1,688	—	11	19	37	2	4	2	*	8		4,514	—	22,705 17	—
1874.	3	2	1,015	—	10	33	34	11	6	11		11		2,150	—	—	42,248 88
1873.	6	2	11	—	21	33	36	6	4	6		13		—	687	—	2,119 87
1872.	2	0	870	—	10	43	39	7	3	7		13		332	—	98,649 52	—
1871.	2	3	517	—	9	43	53	3	5	3		5		—	2,293	2,019 21	—
1870.	6	4	9	—	16	25	46	9	5	9		14		—	700	37,726 82	—
1869.	7	3	531	—	17	42	59	2	3	2		15		404	—	Unk'n	
1868	3	3	1,692	—	17	37	46	1	8	1		5		2,620	—	"	
1867.	5	2	2,879	—	12	33	59	2	10	2		15		3,713	—	"	
1866.	9	5	—	263	10	27	32	5		5		13		920	—	"	
1865.	8	8	1,099	—						1		6		—	775	"	
1860.	6	3	—	413						9		6		—	161		
1855.	5	1	532	—						6		6		940	—		
1851	2	2	2,467	—										2,249	—		

NOTE. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, — the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they *were* to what they *should* have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

* Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES.

Year.	Churches.					Ministers.				Church Members, Jan. 1.				Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		In Sab. Schs.		Benevolent Contribu-tions.
	With P. C.	With P.	With S.	Va-cant.	To-tal.	P. C.	P.	S.	Oth-ers.	To-tal.	Males.	Fêm.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let	Total.	Death	Dism.	Disc.	Total.	Adult	Infant	Mem.	Av. Att.	
1897	274	241	10	68	593	280	226	10	271	787	35,331	75,892	111,223	17,453	3,382	3,050	6,432	1,848	2,590	915	5,353	1,633	1,616	121,557	70,571	$658,551
1896	281	221	15	69	586	287	214	15	270	786	35,038	75,141	110,179	17,216	3,786	2,964	6,750	1,849	2,650	936	5,435	1,326	1,661	118,379	69,581	696,261
1895	273	215	22	79	589	280	210	21	267	778	34,461	75,013	109,474	17,014	4,106	3,282	7,388	1,843	2,653	952	5,448	1,964	1,802	118,327	70,262	631,246
1894	267	203	27	90	587	271	194	22	293	780	34,032	73,492	107,524	16,957	3,733	3,260	6,993	1,935	2,730	721	5,386	1,849	1,804	117,905	70,790	675,884
1893	267	198	16	98	579	276	184	16	342	818	33,598	72,345	105,943	17,125	3,324	3,005	6,329	2,074	2,506	850	5,430	1,654	1,452	116,476	69,323	852,055
1892	265	195	11	102	573	275	199	11	315	800	33,433	71,881	105,314	15,865	3,617	3,170	6,787	1,916	2,721	475	5,112	1,840	1,543	117,471	68,640	657,548
1891	272	176	16	101	565	283	181	15	286	767	32,596	71,063	103,659	17,206	3,530	3,043	6,573	1,757	2,604	479	4,840	1,883	1,674	118,875	72,041	675,285
1890	268	190	23	80	561	278	178	22	276	754	32,133	69,527	101,660	17,595	3,836	3,159	6,995	1,754	2,744	913	5,411	1,930	1,377	116,961	68,574	658,079
1889	264	177	45	93	557	264	177	45	220	706	31,592	68,878	100 470	15,838	3,718	2,760	6,478	1,780	2,513	337	4,630	1,338	1,258	115,112	66,899	641,177
1888	261	204		75	540	277	165		236	678	29,465	64,712	97,707	15,541	3,882	2,839	6,721	1,788	2,313	185	4,286	2,013	1,229	114,178		678,950
1887	258	178		99	535	282	157		259	698	29,029	63,967	96,412	15,836	3,733	2,688	6,421	1,537	2,114	180	3,856	1,905	961	111,768		707,321
1886	277	189		70	536	289	165		211	665	28,577	62,697	94,987	15,931	3,752	2,687	6,440	1,688	2,170	150	4,011	1,843	1,025	110,720		597,307
1885	283	166		85	534	297	178		186	661	28,857	63,423	93,725	15,239	3,013	2,503	5,519	1,603	1,979	168	3,752	1,414	1,008	110,182		601,702
1884	283	169		80	532	300	155		186	641	27,777	62,573	90,350	13,877	2,800	2,071	4,871	1,587	1,979	141	3,707	1,451	800	106,827		500,782
1883	278	160		93	531	266	153		202	620	30,957	61,338	92,295	14,872	2,371	2,180	4,551	1,585	1,861	148	3,594	1,051	837	105,011		477,440
1882	274	178		80	532	278	143		215	636	28,073	61,135	91,238	14,392	2,153	2 001	4,168	1,682	1,724	137	3,539	1,103	966	94,977		349,839
1881	290	164		95	528	264	119		228	611	28,494	61,468	89,962	14,399	1,631	1,940	3,571	1,410	1,592	145	3,147	874	842	105,976		391,716
1880	280	171		75	526	284	164		185	633	29,045	62 394	91,439	14,584	1,761	1,835	3,596	1,454	1,745	151	3,350	922	968	100.744		346,485
1879	282	180		66	528	286	174		195	655	29,212	62,575	91,787	14,764	2,421	1,869	4,290	1,401	1,669	116	3,186	1,235	954	10,089		324,484
1878	277	174		78	529	280	169		194	643	28,995	62,473	91,468	14,100	5,698	2,577	8,275	1,418	2,066	159	3,643	3,103	1,353	100,438	62,290	309,314
1877	269	174		83	526	275	171		196	642	27,479	59,994	87,473	12,833	4,407	2,085	6,492	1,517	1,807	178	3,502	2,480	1,078	96,715		384,611
1876	289	163		69	521	292	162		187	641	26,580	58,374	84,954	13,177	3,103	2,244	5,347	1,531	2,163	89	3,783	1,616	1,163	95,961	61,391	400,886
1875	301	136		80	517	305	134		167	606	26,346	57,821	84,167	12,777	3,869	2,739	6,608	1,391	2,295	94	3,780	2,137	1,111	97,160	62,295	416,816
1874	307	116		85	508	314	116		166	596	25,810	56,669	82,479	12.506	2,329	2,279	4,608	1,380	1,902	67	3,349	1,112	1,012	92,646	60,036	394,111
1873	307	127		73	507	316	127		173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13 305	2,713	2,438	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,287	915	90,496	58,405	436,359
1872	299	123		81	503	304	123		164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13,874	2,569	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3,606	1,236	882	91,183	61,571	438,479
1871	292	134		75	501	297	134		166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2,009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,351	61,443	439,830
1870	294	119		89	502	298	117		176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,820
1869	311	110		73	500	314	115		172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11,970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61,149	300,093
1868	301	113		82	496	307	112		156	575	24,734	54,792	79,526	11,509	3,513	2,163	5,676	1,170	2,122	58	3,350	1,928	1,072	93,440	62,782	298,533
1867	295	114		87	496	300	113		154	567	24,082	53,752	77,834	11,695	4,644	2,316	6,960	1,220	2,051	114	4,385	2,314	1,168	90,820	61,407	315,322
1866	310	109		74	493	316	107		166	589	25,177	51,178	74,955	11,147	2,153	1,696	3,749	1,307	1,703	98	3,108	1,010	987	87,107	60,036	392,244
1865	313	100		76	489	318	101		147	566	23,488	51,730	75,218	11,706	3,030	1,790	4,820	1,454	1,675	124	3,253	1,467	1,023	86,187	58,284	
1860	325	81		82	488	333	78		176	587	24,217	51,302	76,371	10.114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3,110	780	1,293	80,124		
1855	351	54		62	467	366	55		135	556	20,999	45,218	69,509	8,756	1,713	1,618	3,331	1,119	1,674	97	2,890	737	1,254	66,147		
1850	347	58		56	461	356	56						64,830		1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	64,178		
1845					440								65,467											62,108		
1840					408								62,513											62,305		
1835					387								49,089											44,040		
1830					347								37,987											34,787		

In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sabbath School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of *churches*, *members*, and of *Sabbath schools* was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. The number of churches "Vacant" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

1. ANDOVER, Organized July 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester.	W. C.
James Alexander,	'82, May 7.	'88.	*Newport, N. H.*	P.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	'95, Feb. 26.	Dracut.	P. C.
Cecil F. P. Bancroft,	'67, May 1.	'90, Sept. 23.	Andover.	Prof.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 27.	N. Andover.	P. C.
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, March 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Chelmsford.	P. C.
James M. Blue,	'96, July 14.	'96, Sept. 29.	Lawrence.	P.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'89, May 28.	Lawrence.	W. C.
Park A. Bradford,	'79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.	North Chelmsford.	P.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.	'90, April 8.	North Chelmsford.	P.
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May.	Andover.	W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	'73, June 3.	Andover.	C. M.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'89, Sept. 24.	Lawrence.	P. C.
J. Wesley Churchill,	'69, April 30.	'82, April 11.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Thomas G. A. Coté,	'71, April 9.	'82, April 11.	Lowell.	W. C.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.	'84, Dec. 2.	Boston.	P. C.
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.	'96, Sept. 29.	Andover.	W. C.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell.	P. C.
Daniel W. Hardy,	'74, Oct. 20.	'95, Dec. 3.	Billerica.	P.
Edward Y. Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell.	P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover.	W. C.
George H. Johnson,	'77, July 6.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.	'90, Sept. 23.	Pigeon Cove.	P.
Willis D. Leland,	'80, Jan. 23.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	P. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,	'96, June 12.	'96, Sept. 29.	Andover.	P. C.
Charles L. Merriam,	'82, Sept. 13.	'92, June.	Lowell.	P. C.
Selah Merrill.	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	Andover.	W. C.
Charles L. Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	Winchester.	W. C.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2,	'95, May 28.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Lewis W. Morey,	'82, Sept. 6.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	W. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	'76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen.	P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, June.	Andover.	W. C

1. Andover (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover.	P. C.
John Phelps Taylor,	'68, Nov. 12.	'85, Nov. 3.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles H. Willcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
Worcester Willey,	'44, Oct. 14.	'72, Oct. 4.	Andover.	W. C.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover.	P. C.
William E. Wolcott,	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof.

Licentiates. — 1895: John C. Campbell, Morrison E. Meriam, Julian H. Olmstead. — 1896: George H. Baker, George S. Ball, William T. Bartley, Frank E. Drake, Norman H. Dutcher, Edgar B. French, Byron F. Gustin, Frank W. Hodgdon, Albert W. Howes, Haleh H. Loud, George A. Merrill, Frank N. Saltmarsh, Henry H. Walker, Ernest M. Bartlett, Albert V. Bliss, Albert J. Lord, Bernard G. Mattson, William U. Parks, George A. Senter.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesday in December and fourth Tuesdays in February, May, and September.

Rev. Edward W. Pride, Andover, scribe.

2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.
Stephen M. Andrews,	'67, May 21.	'90, Sept. 16.	*Millington, Ct.*	P.
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Wm. W. Wallace Curry,	'75, April 14.		*Canaan Four Corn's, N. Y.*	
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.	'85, Sept. 16.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45, Feb. 19.	'77, Dec. 3.	*Washington, D. C.*	W. C.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	*Baltimore, Md.*	Dean Coll.
Theodore W. Harris,	'88, April 23.	'93, Mar. 7.	*New Lebanon, N. Y.*	P.
Samuel Harrison,	'50, Aug. 13.	'52, Nov. 8.	Pittsfield.	P.
Lucien C. Kimball,	'87, June 17.	'92, Dec. 6.	*Canterbury Depot, N. H.*	
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16,	Hinsdale.	P. C.
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P.
William E. Morse,	'86, May 1.	'90, Dec. 2.	Dudley.	P.
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, Apr. 10.	'94, June 12.	Adams.	P. C.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
William Slade,	'88, Sept. 18.	'93, Feb. 21.	Williamstown.	P. C.
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Edward Strong,	'42, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 7.	Pittsfield.	W. C.
William L. Tenney,	'88, Sept. 20.	'95, Dec. 20.	North Adams.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — In March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Laird, Hinsdale, scribe and treasurer.

3. BERKSHIRE SOUTH (BERKSHIRE, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Arthur J. Benedict,	'75, May 25.	'93, Jan. 31.	Housatonic.	P.
Leon D. Bliss,	'89, Oct. 31.	'96, Oct. 27.	Great Barrington.	P. C.
Irving A. Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15.	'92, Oct. 25.	South Natick.	P. C.
Albert J. Chittenden,	'62, Sept. 28.	'94, April 24.	Mill River.	W. C.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbridge.	P.
J. Jay Dana,	'35, Sept. 9.	'86, Jan. 26.	Housatonic.	W. C.
Edward Day,	'86, Sept. 15.	'91, Jan. 27.	Lenox.	P. C.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
Alonzo T. Lamb,	'93, July 26.	'95, Oct. 29.	W. Wareham.	P.
Telesphore Levique,	'91, April 1.	'93, May 2.		W. C.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	Willamstown.	W. C.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Lenox.	W. C.
Frederick R. Marvin,	'78, April 18.	'87, Oct. 25.	*Troy, N. Y.*	W. C.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Oct. 27.	Stockbridge.	P. C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.	Lee.	P. C.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	*Madura.*	Missionary.

Licentiate. — William J. Bartlett, Lee, lay preacher, Nov. 10, 1891.

STATED MEETINGS. — Last Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Edward Day, Lenox, scribe and treasurer.

4. BROOKFIELD, Organized June 22, 1757.

Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15.	'91, April 21.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	'93, Oct. 24.	Brimfield.	W. C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	'96, Jan. 14.	Brookfield.	P. C.
Sidney A. Burnaby,	'81, Sept. 21.	'94, July 3.	*Canaan, Ct.*	P.
D. Olin Clark,	'78, June 11.	'86, Nov. 15.	Worcester.	W. C.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'93, April 18.	Cummington.	W. C.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	'94, Jan. 16.	W. Brookfield.	P.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	'79, Oct. 15.	Barre.	P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'92, April 19.	Brookline.	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	'81, April 19.	Globe Village.	P. C.
Amos Holbrook,	'66, May 9.	'96, Oct. 13.	Sturbridge.	W. C.
Robert J. Kyle,	'85, Sept. 12.	'97. Jan. 12.	Brimfield.	P.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	'95, July 2,	Hardwick.	P.
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	'94, July 3.	Sturbridge.	P.
Martin L. Richardson,	'60, Mar. 7.	'63, Sept. 13.	Montague.	P.
Laurent E. Rivard,	'94, June 19.	'95, April 16.	Ware.	W. C.
Uriel W. Small,	'59, Sept. 22.	'91, Jan. 13.		W. C.
Joseph J. Spencer,	'90, Oct. 1.	'91, Oct. 6.	N. Brookfield.	P. C.
Dwight C. Stone,	'88, May 22.	'96, April 14.	Gilbertville,	P. C.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	'89, Jan. 5.	Springfield.	W. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Brookfield, scribe.

5. Cape Cod (Barnstable, 1792; Brewster, 1832; Vineyard Sound, 1836), Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'82, Jan. 31.	Hyannis.	W. C.
Samuel B. Andrews,	'68, June 20.	'90, April 15.	West Granville.	P.
Lewis P. Atwood,	'55, April 3.	'85, Jan. 21.	*Westfield, Vt.*	P.
Samuel W. Clarke,	'74, Jan. 16.	'92, July 19.	W. Barnstable.	P.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.	'94, July 17.	Lynn.	W. C.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, April 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
George S. Dodge,	'93, June 6.	'94, Jan. 16.	Woods Holl.	P.
Albert Donnell,	'83, June 20.	'96, Jan. 21.	*Slatersville, R. I.*	P.
William Harris,	'76, June 10.	'96, Jan. 21.	Truro.	P.
John W. Hayley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'95, Jan. 15.	Lowell.	W. C.
Artemas J. Haynes,	'94, Oct. 2.	'94, Oct 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William R. Joyslin,	'64, Feb. 4.	'92, April 19.	Charlemont.	P.
Henry S. Kimball,	'66, May 31.	'95, Oct. 29.	Hyannis.	P.
Dorrall Lee,	'74, Sept. 16.	'97, April 20.	Wellfleet.	P.
E. Irving Racket,	'94, May 9.	'94, July 17.	Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rea,	'73, Aug. 8.	'79, Jan. 28.	*Exeter, N. H.*	W. C.
Daniel W. Richardson,	'62, Aug. 14.	'96, Aug. 4.	Chatham.	P.
Ezra J. Riggs,	'79, July 10.	'91, Nov. 10.	Provincetown.	P.
Robert Samuel,	'59, Nov. 3.	'84, Oct. 28.	Brewster.	W. C.
William F. Skerrye,	'96, Aug. 31.	'97, Jan. 19.	Provincetown.	P.
Ezra N. Smith,	'72, June 12.	'92, April 19.	N. Falmouth.	P.
John C. Staples,	'80, July 6.	'91, April 21.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'97, April 20.	Yarmouth.	P. C.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'95, Aug. 20.	Falmouth.	P. C.
Chas. H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William H. Woodwell,	'73, June 12.	'89, June 11.	Sandwich.	P.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October. Rev. Ezra N. Smith, N. Falmouth, secretary.

6. Essex North, Organized September 6, 1761.

Charles Beecher,	'44, Nov. 2.	'57, Dec. 22.	Georgetown.	W. C.
George Benedict,	'83, Oct. 9.	'92, Dec. 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Louis F. Berry,	'94, June 26.	'94, Dec. 18.	*Montclair, N. J.*	Assist. P.
Arthur S. Burrill,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Dec. 15.	Haverhill.	Assist. P.
Isaac N. Carleton,	*Licentiate.*	'87, April 19.	Bradford.	Teacher.
George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Amesbury.	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec. 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, Jan. 19.	'93, Oct. 17.	Rowley.	P.
F. Lincoln Davis,	'93, Nov. 8.	'94, April 17.	Ward Hill.	P. C.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Daniel T. Fiske,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	P. C.

6. Essex North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20.	West Boxford.	P. C.
Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	Andover.	P.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	P. C.
George W. Lawrence,	'88, Feb 14.	'96, Dec. 15.	N. Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles E. Lord,	'44, May 8.	'90, Dec. 16.	Newburyport.	W. C.
John N. Lowell,	'77, Nov. 21.	'81, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	P.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, Jan. 20.	'92, April 19.	Georgetown.	P. C.
Charles P. Mills,	'80, Sept. 23.	'80, Dec. 21.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.	Bradford.	W. C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'92, April 19.	West Newbury.	P. C.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'76, June 20.	Winchester. Tr. H. M. Soc.	
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.	*Aintab.*	Prof.
Myron O. Patton,	'94, May 29,	'95, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.
John Pike,	'38, April 25.	'42, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
George H. Reed,	'87, June 3.	'92, April 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
John H. Reid,	'90, Aug. 10.	'93, Feb. 21.	Newburyport.	P.
George L. Richmond,	'87, Oct. 10.	'90, April 15.	Amesbury.	P. C.
Francis W. Sanborn,	'78, Dec. 18.	'85, Dec. 16.	Newbury.	P. C.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21.	*Atkinson, N. H.*	P.
Egbert C. Smyth,	'56, July 23.	'67, April 19.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
John Rounds Smith,	'92, Sept. 1.	'93, Feb. 21.	Salem.	W. C.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.	'93, April 18.	Merrimac.	P. C.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.	Byfield.	P. C.
C. Julian Tuthill,	'94, May 1.	'95, Dec. 17.	Georgetown.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Haverhill, scribe.

7. Essex South and Salem (Essex South, September 3, 1717; Salem, October 15, 1840), Organized by union, December 1, 1885.

Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.	'89, May 14.	Rockport.	P. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford P. C. Linebrook.	
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 3.	'96, Mar. 10.	West Peabody.	P.
William A. Bacon,	'95, Oct. 1.	'95, Nov. 12.	Beverly.	P.
S. Linton Bell,	'76, Jan. 5.	'81, April 1.	Marblehead.	P. C.
Emery L. Bradford,	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.	Boxford.	P. C.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.	Salem.	P. C.
John W. Buckham,	'88, Aug. 9.	'91, Jan. 13.	Salem.	P. C.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	P.
Lyndon S. Crawford,	'79, Aug. 20.	'84, Jan. 8.	*Broosa, W. Turkey.*	F. M.

7. Essex South and Salem (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	W. Gloucester.	P.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.		W. C.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31.	'96, Mar. 10.	Magnolia.	P. C.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Danvers Centre.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'95, Mar. 12.	Manchester.	P. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Lynnfield.	P. C.
Curtis M. Geer,	'90, June 25.	'95, Mar. 12.	*Lewiston, Me.*	W. C.
Willis A. Hadley,	'78, Aug. 21.	'94, May 9.	Lynn.	P. C.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.	'86, Dec. 1.	Peabody.	P. C.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
Frederick A. Holden,	'85, Sept. 18.	'92, Nov. 15.	*Burlington, Ct.*	P.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.	'79, Jan. 14.	Swampscott.	W. C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Dracut.	P.
John C. Labaree,	'62, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.	Saugus.	P.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'92, Mar. 8.	Middleton	P. C.
O. T. Lanphear,	'49, Oct. 25.	'68, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	W. C.
Carl A. Lundgren,	'93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Waltham.	P.
Hugh McLeod,	'55, June 25.	'85, Jan. 13.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Albert W. Moore,	'73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	P. C.
William J. Murray,	'79, April 28.	'89, Mar. 12.	Essex.	P. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.	Lynn.	P.
Francis A. Poole,	'93, July 12.	'95, Jan. 8.	Topsfield.	P.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers Centre.	Sect.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	Boston.	P.
J. Henry Thayer,	'59, Dec. 29.	'60, Mar. 6.	Cambridge.	Prof.
Francis J. Van Horn,	'93, Oct. 5.	'96, Mar. 10.	Beverly.	P. C.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Wenham.	P.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	'79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Licentiate. — Peter Johnson, Pigeon Cove.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

8. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'89, Nov. 19.	Danvers Centre.	P. C.
Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'89, Nov. 19.	Shelburne Falls.	P.
G. Glenn Atkins,	'95, Jan. 2.	'95, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	P.
George H. Bailey,	'67, Nov. 26.	'94, July 10.	Ashfield.	P.

8. FRANKLIN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	Warwick.	P.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
Andrew Campbell,	'96, Sept. 24.	'97, Feb. 9.	Deerfield.	P.
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'94, July 10.	*Keene, N. H.*	W. C.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'88, May 12.	So. Deerfield.	P.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	'92, April 11.	Whately.	P. C.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	P.
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.	'82, Feb. 14.	Buckland.	P. C.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	Millers Falls.	P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'96, Sept. 15.	Conway.	P.
George W. Judson,	'87, July 1.	'90, June 12.	Orange.	P. C.
Thomas C. Kinne,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Caldwell Morrison,	'93, Nov. 2.	'93, Dec. 12.	*Orange, N. J.*	W. C.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.	'96, May 12.	Hawley.	P. C.
Stephen H. Robinson,	'78, Sept. 7.	'88, Aug. 14.	*Ludlow, Vt.*	P.
Ira A. Smith,	'82, Sept. 27.	'88, Feb. 4.	Scotland.	P.
David H. Strong,	'85, June 16.	'88, Nov. 13.	Bernardston.	P.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	P.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemont.	P.
John A. Woodhull,	'56, Jan. 1.	'90, Nov. 11.	Plainfield.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Charles C. Duncan, John C. Wightman.

STATED MEETINGS. — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in August, November, and February.

Rev. Andrew Campbell, Deerfield, scribe.

9. HAMPDEN, Organized February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

Simeon O. Allen,	'70, Dec. 1.	'91, Feb. 10.	West Springfield.	W. C.
Edward P. Armstrong,	'81, Feb. 15.	'87, Feb. 8.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Assist. P.
Stephen G. Barnes,	'81, April 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Longmeadow.	P. C.
Harlan P. Beach,	'83, July 19.	'93, Feb. 14.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Lyman H. Blake,	'67, Nov. 14.	'81, Dec. 6.	Westfield.	P. C.
Richard H. Bosworth,	'82, May 12.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
Ralph W. Brokaw,	'77, July 18.	'89, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	*Rahuri, India.*	F. M.
S. G. Buckingham,	'37, May 24.	'47, Aug. 3.	Springfield.	P. C. Em.
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee.	P. C.
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	Springfield.	P. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Huntington.	P.
Myron S. Dudley,	'71, Sept. 28.	'87, Feb. 8.	Nantucket.	P.
Aaron W. Field,	'72, Nov. 13.	'81, Feb. 8.	New Marlboro.	P.
Frank L. Garfield,	'93, Feb. 21.	'93, April 11.	Feeding Hills.	P. C.

9. HAMPDEN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Lewis F. Giroux,	'89 April 17.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.	'95, April 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,	'76, May 7.	'89, Feb. 12.	Monson.	P. C.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Edward C. Haynes,	'82, April 18.	'95, Nov. 12.	Huntington.	P.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	P. C.
William T. Hutchins,	'76, Dec. 20.	'92, Nov. 7.	Indian Orchard.	P. C.
Frank E. Jenkins,	'81, May 18.	'93, Nov. 14.	Palmer.	P. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edward H. Knight,	'83, July 25.	'83, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'95, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	W. C.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	Pres. Coll.
John H. Lockwood,	'71, Nov. 5.	'79, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	P. C.
Clarence C. Lyon,	'90, Dec. 17.	'94, Nov. 13.	Monson.	W. C.
F. Barrows Makepeace,	'73, June 19.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Samuel L. Merrell,	'50, Jan. 8.	'82, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	P. C.
Simeon Miller,	'46, May 7.	'36, June 8.	Springfield.	W. C.
Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Egbert N. Munroe,	'81, May 4.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Sidney K. Perkins,	'80, July 20.	'94, July 10.	W. Springfield.	P.
Ralph Perry,	'44, Jan. 3.	'44, June 11.	Agawam.	W. C.
Hervey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95, July 9.	Chicopee Falls.	P. C.
Paul H. Pitkin,	'66, Sept. 11.	'82, May 9.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Abram J. Quick,	'64, Mar. 7.	'91, Nov. 10.	Ludlow.	P. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield.	Pres. S.C.W.
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam.	P. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'95, April 9.	West Hawley.	P.
A. Lincoln Shear,	'90, April 9.	'96, Nov. 10.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Alpheus M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.	'88, Nov. 13.	Mittineague.	P. C.
Frank M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	*Tampa, Fla.*	P.
Richard L. Swain,	'84, Aug. 21.	'94, July 10.	S. Hadley Falls.	P. C.
Charles S. Sylvester,	'59, Oct. 20.	'66, Sept. 4.	Feeding Hills.	W. C.
William J. Tate,	'92, Nov. 16.	'93, April 11.	*Lockport, N. Y.*	P.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
James Tufts,	'44, Sept. 23.	'54, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.	Holland.	P.
George W. Winch,	'75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.

Licentiate. — 1893, James H. Tufts.

STATED MEETINGS. — In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July, and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

10. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	Haydenville.	P.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'95, June 11.	Worthington.	P.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	Northampton.	P.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Florence.	P. C.
Harlan Creelman,	'89, Sept. 17.	'90, Feb. 11.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Prof.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'85, Feb. 17.	Northampton.	W. C.
William Gallagher, jr.,	'74, Dec. 1.	'89, Feb. 19.	S. Braintree.	Teacher.
George M. Gerrish,	'94, June 8.	'94, Oct. 16.	Thorndike.	P.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton.	P. C.
Elihu Loomis,	'51, Oct. 22.	'86, June 9.	Bedford.	W. C.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M.D.	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'96, Oct. 20.	Northampton.	W. C.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Prof. Coll.
Wilbur Rand,	'83, May 9.	'95, June 11.	Huntington.	P.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C.
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'80, June 1.	Easthampton.	Prof.
William C. Scofield,	'51, Oct. 15.	'95, June 11.	*Washington, D. C.*	W. C.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	'75, Feb. 2.	Northampton.	Pres. Coll.
Samuel T. Seelye,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Henry H. Smith,	'73, Sept. 7.	'94, June 5.	Huntington.	W. C.
Henry S. Snyder,	'86, Oct. 28.	'89, Feb. 19.	Weymouth.	P. C.
Joseph W. Strout,	'86, June 29.	'95, Oct. 29.	Cummington.	P.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield.	P.
Arthur C. Townsend,	'91, June 10.	'92, Feb. 2.	Westhampton.	P. C.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	Prof.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'87, June 14.	Longmeadow.	Evan.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton.	W. C.
Irving F. Wood,	'94, Mar. 6.	'96, June 2.	Northampton,	Prof. Coll.
Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'89, Feb. 9.	Easthampton.	P. C.

Licentiate. — George C. Richmond.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. E. G. Cobb, Florence, scribe.

11. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

Warren H. Beaman,	'41, Sept. 15.	'41, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby.	P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Pres. Coll.
Frederick H. Bodman,	'95, May 27.	'96, Dec 1.	Amherst,	W. C.
Edward P. Crowell,	*Licentiate.*	'65, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William E. Dickinson,	'60, Dec. 19.	'97, Feb. 3.	Amherst,	W. C.
Levi H. Elwell,	*Licentiate.*	'80, Dec. 21.	Amherst.	Inst. in Coll.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	*Ahmednagar, India.*	F. M.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	No. Amherst.	W. C.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	'90, Dec. 2.	No. Amherst.	P. C.

11. Hampshire East (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	S. Amherst.	P.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	'72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Charles E. Houghton,	'76, May 24.	'89, May 28.	Prescott.	P.
Oliver Huckel,	'90, Sept. 10.	'96, May 26.	*Baltimore, Md.*	P. C.
Newton I. Jones,	'75. July 15.	'94, May 29.		W. C.
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Hadley.	P.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley.	P. C.
William D. Love,	'48, April 4.	'79, Sept. 16.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	W. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	*Riverside, Cal.*	W. C.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.	Greenwich.	P.
Nelson Scott,	'46, Sept. 24.	'80, Feb. 17.	Amherst.	W. C.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'94, May 29.	Worcester.	P. C.
William S. Tyler,	'59, Oct. 5	'58, May 11.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst.	Pr. of Ag. Coll.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81, Nov. 2,	'96, May 26.	Amherst.	Teacher.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	'77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield.	P. C.
Chas. L. Woodworth,	'49, Nov. 7.	'93, Dec. 5.	Amherst.	P.

Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, re-licensed May 23, 1893; W. L. Montague, re-licensed Dec. 4, 1894; L. H. Elwell, re-licensed Dec. 1, 1896.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, June, and December, and third Tuesday of September.

Rev. Geo. E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

12. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	W. Medway.	P.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Ashburnham.	P.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	*Redlands, Cal.*	W. C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'93, June 13.	Foxboro.	P.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8,	'96, Dec. 1.	Wrentham.	P.
Alexis W. Ide,	'59, July 7.	'72, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Jacob Ide,	'56, Mar. 26.	'56, April 15.	Mansfield.	P. C.
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	Boston.	W. C.
Franklin C. Jones,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, April 7.	Norfolk.	W. C.
Charles W. Longren,	'87, Aug. 24,	'95, Feb. 12,	Franklin.	P.
Francis J. Marsh,	'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	W. C.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	P.
Frank C. Putnam,	'94, Sept. 12.	'94, Oct. 2.	Walpole.	P. C.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian.
William M. Thayer,	'49, June 20.	'72, Mar. 12.	Franklin.	W. C.
Horace Wellington,	'47, Oct.	'89, Dec. 10.	Roxbury.	W. C.
Albert H. Wheelock,	'88, July 3.	'94, Mar. 13.	Millis.	P.
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	'88, June 13.	Milford.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, April, October, and December.

Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, scribe.

13. Middlesex South, Organized June 7, 1830.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Merrill Blanchard,	'81, Mar. 23.	'93, May 2.	Maynard.	P.
Edward E. Bradley,	'93, June 20.	'94, Dec. 4.	Lincoln.	P. C.
George A. Brock,	'91, June 29.	'92, May 3.	Saxonville.	P. C.
Edward L. Chute,	'80, July 20.	'85, Sept. 14.	Ware.	P.
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	P. C.
Willis E. Dudley,	'92, Sept. 21.	'94, Dec. 4.	*Niagara Falls, N.Y.*	P. C.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.	'75, Sept. 21.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 2.	Framingham.	P. C.
Fred E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.	'90, Sept. 16.	So. Framingham.	P. C.
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville.	W. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Weston.	P.
Lewis W. Hicks,	'74, Sept. 10.	'93, May 2.	*Hartford, Ct.*	W. C.
Theodore J. Holmes,	'59, Oct. 5.	'94, Sept. 18.	Hopkinton.	P. C.
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug.	'95, Sept. 17.	*Reed's Ferry, N. H.*	P.
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'69, Oct. 5.	North Abington.	W. C.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'88, May 1.	Malden.	W. C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro.	P.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Lewis E. Perry,	'85, July 15.	'95, Feb. 5.	Paxton.	P.
Clarence W. Rouse,	'90, Dec. 4.	'95, Dec. 3.	S. Sudbury.	P. C.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.	Northboro.	P.
William F. Stearns,	'89, Dec. 11.	'94, Dec. 4.	*Norfolk, Ct.*	P. C.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	P. C.
Charles L. Tomblen,	'77, Aug. 30.	'95, Dec. 3.	Ashland.	P.
Nicholas Vander Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.	'96, May 5.	Holliston.	P. C.
Philo B. Wilcox,	'51, May 14.	'93, May 2.	Northboro.	W. C.
John Wood,	'40, April 8.	'71, Dec. 5.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
Granville Yager,	'76, June 20.	'92, Sept. 20.	Hingham.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, May, and December, third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills, scribe.

14. Middlesex Union, Organized January, 1827.

James M. Bell,	'58, July 21.	'93, Nov. 21.	N. Leominster.	P.
Augustus A. Bickford,	'78, May 9.	'90, Nov. 18.	Westford.	W. C.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'93, Jan. 17.	S. Framingham.	W. C.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.	'87, Sept. 20.	Hyde Park.	W. C.
Wilson R. Buxton,	'94, May 2.	'94, Nov. 20.	So. Acton.	P.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.	Concord.	P.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 17.	Acton.	P. C.
Henry C. Crane,	'73, Sept. 9.	'93, May 23.	*Central Village, Ct.*	P.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.	Littleton.	P. C.

14. Middlesex Union (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'94, May 22.	Littleton.	W. C.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.	'92, Mar. 15.	Groton.	W. C.
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.	'91, Sept. 15.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
Horace F. Hallett,	'91, July 7.	'96, Jan. 21.	Ayer.	P.
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'95, Mar. 19.	Fitchburg.	P.
Edwin R. Hodgman,	'49, May 17.	'51, May 6.	Townsend.	W. C.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65, May 10.	'79, Jan. 7.	Provincetown.	W. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.	Ayer.	P.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Richard H. Kennedy,	'92, Sept. 29.	'96, Nov. 17.	Pepperell.	P.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	W. Tisbury.	P.
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'92, Mar. 15.	Boxboro'.	P.
William J. Robinson,	'91, June 9.	'93, Jan. 17.		W. C.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Townsend.	P.
Geo. R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'81, Jan. 11.	Leominster.	P.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.	Concord.	P.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	*Baltimore, Md.*	W. C.
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	P. C.
Charles C. Torrey,	'55, Sept. 7.	'86, Sept. 21.	Harvard.	P.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley.	P.
Louis B. Voorhees,	'71, Dec. 6.	'94, May 22.	Groton.	P. C.
William S. Walker,	'91, Oct. 26.	'92, Jan. 19.	*Dorset, Vt.*	P.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'90, May 29.	'90, May 20.	Dunstable.	P.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, scribe and treasurer.

15. Norfolk Association, Organized May 11, 1811.

William H. Alexander,	'91, Oct. 29.	'96, April 21.	*England.*	W. C.
Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'95, Dec. 17.	Campello.	P. C.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.	'91, Dec. 15.	Cohasset.	P. C.
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.	'96, Dec. 15.	South Weymouth.	P.
Charles F. Clarke,	'92, Dec. 7.	'97, Feb. 16.	Campello.	A. P.
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'91, Dec. 15.	East Weymouth,	P. C.
Wilson S. Fritch,	'93, April 22.	'96, June 16.	Abington.	P. C.
Augustus A. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.	'95, Feb. 19.	South Easton.	P.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Malden.	Ch. Miss.
Charles A. Hilton,	'73, June 9.	'94, Feb. 20.	Randolph.	P. C.
Alan B. Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.	Brockton.	P.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'92, Feb. 16.	Whitman.	P.

15. Norfolk Association (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Emerson L. Hunt,	'94, Oct. 24.	'95, Feb. 19.	*Ellsworth Falls, Me.*	P.
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.	Milton.	P.
Walter P. Hutchinson,	'93, April 19.	'94, April 17.	N. Abington.	P.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.	'92, Dec. 20.	Weymouth Heights.	P. C.
Joseph Kyte,	'62, Sept. 25.	'96, Feb. 18.	S. Braintree.	W. C.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 4.	'95, Feb. 19.	Holbrook.	P. C.
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	W. C.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	P.
Karl F. Ohlson,	'88, Dec. 6.	'95, June 11.	*Brooklyn, N. Y.*	P.
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.	'86, April 20.	Matfield.	P.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec 19.	'89, Oct. 29.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
John Sharp,	'90, April 30.	'94, June 19.	*Mannsville, N. Y.*	P.
Albert K. Teele,	'45, July 15.	'52, April 27.	Milton.	P. Em.
Franke A. Warfield,	'71, June 10.	'82, June 13.	*Omaha, Neb.*	P. C.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W. C.

Licentiates. — Edward O. Grover, Arlington, May 8, 1873; Morris H. Turk, Oct. 28, 1896.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February, and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Robert R. Kendall, Weymouth Heights, scribe and treasurer.

16. Old Colony, Organized August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett,	'83, May 23.	'96, Feb. 12.	Marion.	P. C.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'92, Feb. 10.	Holyoke.	C. M.
John Graham,	'90, Jan. 17.	'90, Feb. 12.	Westport.	P.
Henry M. Grant,	'63, Nov. 17.	'79, Oct. 22.	*Charleston, S. C.*	P.
Ivory H. B. Headley,	'77, Jan. 4.	'80, April 28.	Roslindale.	Evan.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.	'94, Nov. 14.	New Bedford.	W. C.
George W. C. Hill,	'95, Sept. 11.	'95, Nov. 13.	Acushnet.	P. C.
Robert Humphrey,	'83, July 17.	'97, Feb. 10.	Mattapoisett.	P.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11.	'78, July 30.	New Bedford.	P. C.
John A. MacColl,	'83, Jan. 31.	'90, Feb. 12.	New Bedford.	P. C.
George H. Perry,	'88, April 7.	'93, Nov. 15.	Westport.	W. C.
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.	Brockton.	P.
Albion H. Ross,	'91, Oct. 13.	'96, Feb. 12.		W. C.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	P. C.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'94, Nov. 14.	Middleboro.	P. C.

Licentiate. — Joseph Wheelwright, Hebron, N. H.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in February, May, and November.

Rev. Robert L. Rae, 12 Argyle avenue, Brockton, scribe.

17. Plymouth. Organized May 18, 1858.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Ebenezer Alden,	'43, Nov. 3.	'58, May 18.	Marshfield.	P. Em.
John W. Brownville,	'73, Dec. 18.	'85, Nov. 17.	Erving.	P.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	'93, May 8.	*E. Hartford, Ct.*	W. C.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'86, Nov. 16.	Kingston.	P. C.
Ernest C. Davis,	'94, Dec. 5.	'95, Nov. 19.	Plympton.	P.
Oscar F. Davis,	'95, Jan. 16.	'95, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
Louis Ellms,	'89, Aug. 9.	'93, Nov. 21.	*Newcastle, N. H.*	P.
Vaola J. Hartshorne,	'65, Jan. 16.	'91, Nov. 17.	South Hanover.	W. C.
Adoniram J. Leach,	'89, April 7.	'93, Nov. 21.	Marlboro.	W. C.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Marshfield.	P. C.
Solomon G. Merrick,	'86, Sept. 2.	'96, Nov. 17.	Duxbury.	P.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
George H. Morss,	'64, May 11.	'95, Feb. 19.	*Oakdale, Ct.*	P.
Ernest W. Shurtleff,	'89, Nov. 16.	'92, Aug. 16.	Plymouth.	P. C.
George Sterling,	'74, Dec. 8.	'95, Feb. 19.	Windsor.	P.
John Wild,	'92, April 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Hanover.	P.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — George H. Hefflon, May 14, 1895.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. Zenas Crowell, Kingston, scribe.

18. Suffolk North, Organized July 2, 1822.

Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Newton Centre.	Editor.
Smith Baker,	'60, July 30.	'94, April 4.	E. Boston.	P. C.
David N. Beach,	'76, June 15.	'85, Feb. 17.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	P. C.
Charles E. Beals,	'94, April 8,	'97, Jan. 26.	E. Boston.	Asst. P.
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	W. C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Boston.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.	Dorchester.	P.
Charles R. Brown,	'89, Sept. 8.	'93, Feb. 8.	*Oakland, Cal.*	P. C.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, April 22.	'95, Feb. 6.	Cambridge.	P.
Samuel M. Cathcart,	'96, Dec. 1.	'97, May 25.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Charles F. Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	Braintree.	P.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.	'93, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Stephen R. Dennen,	'55, July 11.	'86, Sept. 9.	*Los Angeles, Cal.*	W. C.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.	'87, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.	'94, Feb. 7.	Revere, Mass.	P. C.
Robert E. Ely,	'90, Dec. 11.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.	'95, June 10.	Winchester.	Sect.
Edwin K. Hadlock,	'93, April 25.	'96, Jan. 29.	*E. Providence, R. I.*	P.
Stephen H. Hayes,	'54, Aug. 20.	'71, Feb. 21.	Boston.	W. C.

18. Suffolk North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Sam'l E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.	*Boulder, Col.*	W. C.
Ross C. Houghton,	'69, April 18.	'95, June 10.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Charles E. Jefferson,	'87, Sept. 29.	'87, Dec. 13.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,	'79, Nov. 13.	'83, Sept. 18.	Boston.	Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	'73, June 19.	'95, Feb. 6.	Somerville.	P. C.
Duncan McDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Edgartown.	P.
Richard H. McGown,	'82, Mar. 7.	'97, Mar. 30.	Everett.	P.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Peter McQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Somerville.	P. C.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.	Boston.	P.
Charles L. Noyes,	'80, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
William H. Noyes,	'88, Oct. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	*Portland, Or.*	W. C.
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	'90, Mar. 26.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Dec. 16.	'87, Feb. 8.	North Cambridge.	A. P.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'96, Jan. 29.	Everett.	P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Boston.	W. C.
Charles H. Pope,	'65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.	Charlestown.	P.
Edward G. Porter,	'68, Oct. 1.	'69, Dec. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Frank E. Ramsdell,	'91, June 30.	'97, May 25.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Edward K. Rawson,	'72, Oct. 9.	'83, April 10.	*Annapolis, Md.*	Chaplain.
James H. Ross,	'78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	Roxbury.	W. C.
Isaiah W. Sneath,	'84, Feb. 27.	'89, Mar. 26.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.	'86, Feb. 12.	Somerville.	P. C.
Calvin Terry,	'46, Dec. 20.	'61, June 18.	North Weymouth.	W. C.
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept.	'79, Dec. 16.	*Cleveland, O.*	Pres.
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.	'78, Oct. 13.	*Constantinople.*	Pres. Coll.
Albert Watson,	'71, June 27.	'94, Feb. 7.	Everett.	P.
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.	Somerville.	Editor.
John Wriston,	'94, Dec. 19.	'95, Feb. 6.	Beechwood.	P.

Licentiates. — A. H. Coar; H. Oliver Hannum, 1896; F. J. Noyes, 1897.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, Chelsea, scribe.

19. Suffolk South, Organized January 27, 1829.

William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.	Dorchester.	P.
Andrew W. Archibald,	'76, Aug. 24.	'93, Mar. 15.	Brockton.	P. C.
Charles H. Beale,	'80, April 5.	'95, Jan. 16.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.	'92, May 11.	Islington.	S.
William H. Bolster,	'72, June 13.	'93, Nov. 10.	Dorchester.	P.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Centre.	Sec.
Donald Brown,	'90, Sept. 9.	'96, Mar. 18.	Boston.	P.

19. SUFFOLK SOUTH (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale.	Y. P. S. C. E.
Thomas Clayton,	'85, Sept. 20.	'94, May 9.	*Binghamton, N. Y.*	P.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	Dorchester.	P.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston.	Editor.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston.	P. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Boston.	Editor.
Solomon P. Fay,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester.	W. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Boston.	Assist. P.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'86, May 4.	Auburndale.	Sect. A. S. S. U.
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Roslindale.	P.
Benj. F. Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury.	W. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Newton.	Sec. A. E. S.
Hiram Houston,	'50, Sept. 25.	'90, Mar. 12.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Clarendon Hills.	P.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'92, Sept. 14.	Newton Centre.	Editor.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester.	P. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Hyde Park.	W. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Frank L. Luce,	'95, Nov. 6.	'96, Jan. 15.	Taunton.	P. C.
Ellis Mendell,	'79, June 4.	'80, May 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	W. Roxbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Charles A. Perry,	'82, Nov. 16.	'96, Jan. 15.	Hyde Park.	W. C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'74, May 9.	Wollaston.	P. C.
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.	'85, May 13.	Dedham.	P. C.
Charles B. Smith,	'48, Nov. 12.	'79, July 9.	West Medford.	P.
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	Auburndale.	A. B. C. F. M.
P. Thomas Stanford,	'78, Sept. 26.	'95, Nov. 13.	Boston.	P.
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.	Boston.	P.
Mark B. Taylor,	'75, Sept. 8.	'89, Jan. 16.	*Brooklyn, N. Y.*	P. C.
A. C. Thompson,	'42, July 27.	'42, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.	'94, Sept. 19.	Neponset.	P.
Charles F. Weeden,	'88, April 4.	'96, Jan. 15.	Norwood.	P. C.
J. Herbert Yeoman,	'77, Jan. 25.	'89, Jan. 16.	Wareham.	P.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.	Boston.	M.

Licentiates. — Albert H. Plumb, jr., William C. Fessenden, Arthur P. Pratt.

STATED MEETINGS — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. Edward A. Robinson, Wollaston, scribe and treasurer.

20. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James L. Barton,	'85, June 29.	'97, Feb. 8.	Newton Cen.	A.B C.F.M.
William E. Barton,	'85, June 6.	'93, June 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Adolph A. Berle,	'87, Sept. 14.	'91, Dec. 14.	Brighton.	P. C.
Douglas P. Birnie,	'85, Aug. 12.	'91, Feb. 9.	*Honolulu.*	P. C.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline.	W. C.
Ezra H. Byington,	'59, Feb. 23.	'91, Feb. 9.	Newton.	W. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	'62, Oct. 22.	'80, Feb. 8.	*Kansas City, Mo.*	P.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	Boston.	Assist. P.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston.	P. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Cen.	Cong. Lib.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	P. C. Em.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton.	Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
William H. Davis,	'77, July 5.	'96, Oct. 12.	Newton.	P. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8	'87, Oct. 11.	Auburndale,	Sec.N.D.R.L.
John M. Dutton,	'76, June 11.	'92, April 25.	Newtonville.	P. C.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills.	P. C.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton.	W. C.
Daniel L. Furber,	'67, Dec. 1.	'57, Jan. 16.	Newton Centre.	P. Em.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 6.	Waverly.	P.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	Boston.	P. C.
Daniel Green,	'79, Dec. 18.	'94, Feb. 12.	Newton.	P.
William E. Griffis,	'77, May 31.	'86, Dec. 14.	*Ithaca, N. Y.*	P. C.
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston.	P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham.	P. C.
Charles E. Havens,	'81, Sept. 15.	'94, April 9.	Newton Highlands.	P. C.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Newton.	Sec. C. C. B. S.
William A. Lamb,	'74, April 12.	'84, April 8.	*Los Angeles, Cal.*	W. C.
Isaac J. Lansing,	'74, Oct.	'94, Feb. 12.		W. C.
Amos E. Lawrence,	'48, June 25.	'76, April 18.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Dover.	P. C.
John L. Maile,	'72, July 14.	'92, Feb. 8.	*Fargo, N. D.*	Sect.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Centre.	P. C.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville.	P. C. Em.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands.	W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown.	P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	W. Newton.	P. C.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	*Poughkeepsie, N.Y.*	W. C.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton.	W. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	W. C.
Avery S. Walker,	'57. June 15.	'95, Dec. 9.	Needham.	P. C.
Edwin B. Webb,	'50, Sept. 11.	'67, Jan. 8.	Wellesley.	P. Em.

Licentiates. — Arthur W. Kelley, Auburndale, renewed Feb. 12, 1894; Edward P. Kelley, Auburndale, April 15, 1895.

Stated Meetings. — Second Mondays of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. George G. Phipps, Newton Highlands, scribe.

21. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Wm. W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
Joseph Allard,	'82, April 15.	'89, Jan. 9.	Fall River.	P.
Franklin K. Beem,	'95, July 18.	'95, Nov. 13.	Berkley.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'95, Jan. 16.	Walker.	P.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton.	Pres. Sem.
S. Hopkins Emery,	'37, Nov. 23.	'75, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	W. C.
Cyrus D. Harp,	'85, Feb. 17.	'93, Nov. 8.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
Vernon C. Harrington,	'94, Oct. 23.	'97, Mar. 10.	Norton.	P. C.
Elwin L. House,	'88, April 22.	'94, May 8.	Attleboro.	P. C.
Herbert K. Job,	'91, Oct. 28.	'92, Jan. 13.	N. Middleboro.	P. C.
William W. Jubb,	'64, May.	'91, Nov. 11.	*England.*	W. C.
Charles H. Kenney,	'73, April 13.	'96, Jan. 15.	Attleboro.	W. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'91, Mar. 10.	*Concord.*	W. C.
Josiah W. Kingsbury,	'66, June 28.	'89, May 8.	Braintree.	W. C.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May 8.	Fall River.	P. C.
James H. McLaren,	'90, Aug. 12.	'94, Jan. 10.	*Racine, Wis.*	P.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 19.	'97, Jan. 13.	Fall River.	P. C.
Thomas F. Norris,	'79, April 13.	'97, Mar. 10.	Somerset.	P.
Frank S. Park,	'95, July 16.	'95, Nov. 13.	E. Taunton.	P.
Sidney K. B. Perkins,	'60, Jan. 11.	'88, Jan. 11.	Raynham.	P.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'82, May 10.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April.	'97, Mar. 10.	N. Attleboro.	P.
William E. Todd,	'90, Sept. 13.	'90, Nov. 13.	*Tappahannock, Va.*	W. C.
Edgar L. Warren,	'89, Feb. 4.	'93, Mar. 14.	*Wolfeboro, N. H.*	P.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'92, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	P.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, and November.

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

22. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	'74, Sept. 15.	*Constantinople.*	Robt. C.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford.	W. C.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29.	'95, Feb. 19.	Medford.	P. C.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'75, Nov. 16.	Concord Junc.	Chaplain.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.	'93, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Charles R. Bliss,	'59, April 28.	'62, Nov. 18.	*Chicago, Ill.*	W. C.
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13.	'97, Feb. 17.	Lexington.	P. C.
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'96, Mar. 17.	W. Medford.	P. C.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.	'89, Jan. 29.	Winchester.	H. M Sec.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	Brookline.	W. C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.	'95, Feb. 19.	Wakefield.	P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Maplewood.	P.

22. Woburn (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Cyrus Hamlin,	'38, Oct 3.	'91, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	W. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 17.	'86, Mar. 16.	Wilmington.	P. C.
Henry A. Hazen,	'58, Feb. 17.	'74, Sept. 15.	Auburndale.	Sec. N. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.	'87, June 13.	Salem.	W. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	'95, Jan. 29.	Melrose Highlands.	P. C.
George E. Lovejoy,	'73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	*Pittsfield, N. H.*	P. C.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn.	P. C. Em.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester.	P. C.
Isaac Pierson,	'70, Mar. 30.	'96, Oct. 8.	S. Medford.	P.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Woburn.	P. C.
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'88, May 1.	Bedford.	P.
Peter Vincentius,	'88, Aug. 19.	'89, Jan. 29.	East Boston.	P.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18	'74, Mar. 17.	Malden.	W. C.
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Malden.	W. C.

Licentiates. — Charles Steadman MacFarland, Henry F. Burdon, Albert V. Fisher.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, June, September, and November.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

23. Worcester Central, Organized November 4, 1823.

Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	P. C.
Orange C. Bailey,	'85, Oct. 13.	'94, Nov. 13.	Worcester.	P. C.
Albert E. Bradstreet,	'88, Aug. 30.	'95, Nov. 12.	Oxford.	P.
Sherman W. Brown,	'93, June 6.	'96, Nov. 10.	Spencer.	P. C.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Daniel E. Burtner,	'90, Sept. 25.	'94, Nov. 13.	Boylston.	P.
Edward M. Chapman,	'90, Sept. 9.	'93, Nov. 14.	Worcester.	P. C.
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'35, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	P. C.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	'93, Nov. 14.	Rutland.	P.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Lawrence.	W. C.
Ebenezer Cutler,	'50, Mar. 6.	'56, Jan. 1.	Worcester.	P. Em.
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	*Woodstock, Ct.*	P.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Burlington.	P.
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	Lake View.	P. C.
Forrest F. Emerson,	'65, May 25.	'95, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	W. C.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Somerville.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Arlington.	W. C.
George H. Gould,	'62, Nov. 12.	'76, Feb 1.	Worcester.	W. C.
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'96, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	W. C.

23. Worcester Central (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Elijah Horr,	'64, April 17.	'94, Feb. 6.	Brookline.	W. C.
John E. Hurlbut,	'75, Mar. 24.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'97, April 6.	Shrewsbury.	P.
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.	Somerville.	W. C.
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May 2.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	P. C.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept.	'95, Nov. 12.	Berlin.	P.
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C.
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94, April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	P.
Ariel E. P. Perkins,	'44, Sept. 18.	'88, April 3.	Worcester.	W. C.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb 3.	Auburn.	P. C.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Sterling.	P.
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Leicester.	P. C.
Casper F. Scherff,	'76, April 9.	'90.	Clinton.	P.
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
Burritt A. Smith,	'65, Mar. 15.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	Teacher.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.
Edwin S. Tingley,	'71, Feb. 1.	'85, May 5.	Milford.	W. C.
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
William G. Tuttle,	'51, April 10.	'88, April 3.	Worcester.	W. C.
J. Charles Villiers,	'86, May 31.	'95, Nov. 12.	W. Boylston.	P.
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.	Princeton.	P.
Inman L. Willcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and April, and second Tuesday in November.

Rev. E. W. Phillips, Worcester, scribe.

24. Worcester North, Organized June 18, 1818.

George E. Chapin,	'79, Aug. 20.	'94.		P.
Joseph S. Cogswell,	'68, Nov. 14.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9.	Royalston.	P.
Davis Foster,	'55, Nov. 1.	'69, Nov. 27.	Winchendon.	P. C.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	W. C.
Edwin S. Gould,	'73, Oct. 1.	'94, Jan. 23.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
John W. Hird,	'79, Mar. 19.	'91, April 28.	Baldwinville.	P.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Boston.	W. C.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	New Salem.	P.
Frederic P. Johnson,	'94, May 22.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	P.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P.

24. Worcester North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, April 5.	'93, April 25.	Templeton.	P. C.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W. C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	P.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Phillipston.	W. C.
Judson W. Shaw,	'87, June 30.	'87, July 12.	*Falmouth, Me.*	W. C.
Walter P. Taylor,	'91, Dec. 15.	'92, July 26.	*Newmarket, N. H.*	P.

Stated Meetings. — Fourth Tuesdays in January, April, and October, and second Tuesday in July.

Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

25. Worcester South, Organized in 1818.

Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'96, Dec. 10.	Blackstone.	P.
Frederic A. Balcom,	'82, Jan. 9.	'95, Sept. 17.	*Saylesville, R. I.*	P.
William A. Benedict,	'49, June 27.	'76, Oct. 10.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Henry A. Blake,	'76, Sept. 13.	'89, Oct. 8.	Webster.	P.
William T. Briggs,	'46, Nov. 4.	'66, July 10.	East Douglas.	P. Em.
Frank L. Bristol,	'75, Oct. 25.	'88, Oct. 9.	Uxbridge.	P.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge.	P.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.	Millville.	P. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	Millbury.	P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.	'92, Jan. 12.	Sutton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.	'94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville.	P.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'92, Jan. 12.	Carlisle.	P.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29.	'93, April 11.	Douglas.	P.
Leroy M. Pierce,	'70, Feb. 4.	'84, Oct. 14.	Medfield.	P.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Benjamin A. Robie,	'66, Mar. 22.	'84, Oct. 14.	Grafton.	P.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Upton.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge, scribe.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.[1]

Rev. Henry A. Hazen.

This General Association has met four times in Worcester, in 1808, 1827, 1847, and 1879; and the General Conference met here in 1865; making, with the present session, six of our State meetings here in ninety years, a larger number than in any other city, except Boston; and Boston must reckon its accessions of Dorchester and Roxbury, to make up the same number. Probably we shall come to this fair city more frequently in future. The great increase in the size of this body limits the number of places which can receive and comfortably care for it. Early sessions were held in Hardwick, Washington, Hatfield, Windsor; but such rural communities can no longer bid us. There is loss as well as gain in our growth. The first two sessions were held in Northampton in 1802 and 1803. It is not too soon to ask if Northampton will receive us in 1902, for a Centennial commemoration.

The rules of this Association, our only constitution, were adopted at the first meeting in this city, and no modifications since have changed them, for substance of doctrine.

Since our last meeting, has occurred the death of Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, and his successor in the office first and for so many years held and magnified by him, may fitly recall him to your thoughts to-day. Not that I can attempt, in the brief limits of this report, any general review of his life. But it is due to ourselves that we refresh our memories, and quicken our devotion by a restatement of what he has done as an officer of this Association.

Fifty years ago, the Congregational churches were in a condition which gave too much ground for the "rope of sand" taunt, not unfrequently heard. They were a collection of units, knowing little of one another, and without organization. Their pastors had naturally formed the habit of occasional meetings for friendship and fellowship, and Associations had thus grown up. Gradually these ministers began to enliven their minutes with lists of the names of their churches; then some bold innovator proposed to add the membership, a step of progress which our English friends have not yet ventured upon, though their conservatism starts a smile with us. Then were added the male and female membership, and later, the additions and removals. But the requests for these meagre reports being purely personal, and having no voice of the churches behind them, were received often with indifference, and occasionally with a mild resentment; and summaries of such reports as did come in were too incomplete to have much value.

That was substantially the condition of matters when Alonzo H. Quint appeared in this Association, as a young delegate from Jamaica Plain

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forty-two years ago, and the transformation which these years have wrought is, we shall all agree, due more largely to him than to any other single man. In saying this we are not to forget that the conditions were ripe or soon came to maturity, favoring the great progress which has been made; or that other men recognized these conditions and wrought with great effect to the same ends. No one man could have secured this progress if he had not found a multitude of kindred responsive spirits, men who were alive to the new conditions and calls, and who joined hands in intelligent working to the same ends. In Illinois M. K. Whittlesey had been elected secretary in 1852, and only laid down his work last year, and in Connecticut William H. Moore is still at the front, in his ripe age, doing the work which he began forty years ago. In Massachusetts were such men as Joseph S. Clark, who did us a great service in his "History" of our churches, as well as in laying the foundations of our Congregational Library; Christopher Cushing and Increase N. Tarbox; Isaac P. Langworthy, to whom our debt is so immeasurable, as he built himself into our Congregational House and Library, and Henry M. Dexter, whose labors were second to those of no man in the broadening and deepening of our Congregational life, statistically and historically, as well as in his *Congregationalist* life work.

With these conditions and coadjutors the real genius and greatness of Alonzo H. Quint are to be seen in his recognition of the opportunity, and the skill with which he used it. With measureless tact and persistency he pursued his work until the demonstration was complete, that the "rope of sand" theory, as applied to Congregational churches, if it ever had a semblance of truth, had it no longer; that fellowship could be organized, as truly as government; and that such organization, resting on the solid foundations of Christian love and common sense, was safe and useful, not only for the churches of Mendon Conference, but for Massachusetts, for the United States, and for the round earth. The International Council which met in London in 1891, and comes to Boston in 1899, was the natural fruitage of his life work, and would have been impossible without the prior organizations in our various States, and the union of these in the National Council to which his labors so largely contributed.

It was a great and special felicity of this Association that it recognized this young man, and the work for which he was fitted, that it installed him in a new office, created for the occasion, the first time, so far as I know, that a statistical secretary had ever been appointed by any body; and that it stood by him in his labors until our chaos had given place to order, and our statistics had gained wide recognition as a model in other States and other denominations.

A comparison of the Congregational *Year-Book* of to-day with the Massachusetts Minutes of fifty years ago affords a fair measure of Dr. Quint's work for our churches. But Dr. Quint was a great secretary, because he was much more a broad-minded, sagacious, far-seeing man, loyal to the core, to Christ and his Gospel, and rejoicing to preach that word, and make it mighty in the lives of men. He went to the war in the enthusiasm of his young manhood, and the testimony of officers and men is emphatic of the wise, courageous, and sympathetic service he gave them. He

might have been with us in the strength of a ripe age to-day, but for the seeds of weakness and disease sown in that army service.

And in his later years, we may remind ourselves how important a place he has filled, as the councillor of all the churches. Questions of order and method, of peace and duty, have come to him from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and he has met them with a breadth of knowledge, a keenness of insight, a familiarity with precedent and history, and with a devotion, above all, to the peace and prosperity of Christ's Kingdom, which have been of priceless value. As a corporate member of the American Board, the value and significance of his service is best understood by those nearest the heart of its counsels.

The reports from the Conferences this year gained a little in time, and more in quality and completeness, over any previous year. Thanks to the diligence and fidelity of the various secretaries, the Massachusetts table was ready to go to the printer on the last day of February. Five reported in January: Mendon, on the 5th, and Hampshire East, Woburn, and Worcester, North and South, 18–21. Eleven were received in the first half of February: Hampshire, Brookfield, Middlesex North, Berkshire South, Pilgrim, Suffolk North and West, Taunton, Old Colony, Worcester, and Middlesex South. The others came after February 15: Essex South, Suffolk South, Hampden, Essex North, Franklin, Barnstable, Andover, Berkshire North, and Norfolk. It ought to be said of the fine Hampden report, that it was made in print, causing a week or two of delay.

More than ever before, reporters have acted on the principle that a complete report was more important than an early one, and the fulness of the returns has been a great comfort to the secretary.

It is full time for the churches to recognize and act upon the doctrine that December, and not January, is the month in which all the time necessary for gathering items and making out their annual report should be taken, so that it can be returned promptly in January, and every Conference report be completed in that month.

The year has added six churches to our roll, and our whole number is now 593; 274 of these churches have installed pastors, and 241 have pastors not installed. There are 280 installed pastors, and 226 pastors not installed. The membership is 111,223, of whom 35,331 are males. The gain of the year is 1,044. The additions were 6,432, of whom 3,382 were on confession of faith. The removals were 5,353, of whom by death, 1,848. The baptisms were, 1,633 adults and 1,616 infants.

The benevolent contributions were $658,551, an average of $5.92 per member, and a falling off from last year of $37,710, or a little more than 30 cents per member. The home expenditures reach a total of $1,587,443, about $14.30 cents per member, and an increase of $46,668.

In closing this report, I may properly add a word in anticipation of the Second International Council. It is practically assured that this great assembly will be held in Boston in the summer of 1899. The exact date is to be fixed by the choice and convenience of our English guests. We owe them the same courtesy accorded to us in 1891. Massachusetts, as well as Boston, is honored by the fact that the *place* of this Council is accorded to us by unanimous acclaim. Our hospitality will be put to test by the reception which we give to such a body of delegates from every land, and this Association will be called upon to take its share in the good work. This Council is sure to become, as the first has become, historic, and signifies much to us, and to the entire country. Our prayers should go up to the Master of Assemblies that he may help us shape and use it for his glory and the progress of his kingdom in the world.

TREASURER'S REPORT.[1]

WILLIAM A. PAINE, *Treasurer, in account with the* GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 10, 1897.

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1896.		
May 17.	To balance from last report	$3,772 59
	" assessment on 110,181 members at three and one half cents	3,856 35
	" Middlesex Union Conference arrears for 1893	103 59
	" " " " " " 1894	104 10
	" Hampshire Conference arrears for 1895	6 09
	" Pilgrim Conference arrears for 1895	35 19
		$7,877 91

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1896.		
By	Samuel B. Forbes, treasurer National Congregational Council	$2,189 48
"	Alfred Mudge & Son, printing manuals	793 81
"	" " " miscellaneous printing	99 00
"	Rev. H. A. Hazen, salary	500 00
"	" " " stationery, postage, etc.	70 15
"	F. B. Makepeace, expenses committee on literature	14 55
"	J. D. Kingsbury, expenses committee on work of the churches	13 50
"	F. J. Marsh, expenses	5 25
"	amount due from Barnstable Conference, 1896 account	10 39
"	" " " the Essex South Conference, 1896 account	19 16
"	" " " Norfolk Conference, 1896 account	38 82
"	" " " Old Colony Conference, 1896 account	17 22
"	" " " Pilgrim Conference, 1896 account	40 00
"	profit and loss, Taunton Conference, French Church of Fall River	2 91
"	" " " Worcester South Conference, Douglass Church	62
"	cash on hand, May 10, 1897	4,063 05
		$7,877 91

There is also due the General Association from the Old Colony Conference, for the year 1895, $16.38.

WM. A. PAINE, *Treas.*

This certifies that we have audited the accounts of Wm. A. Paine, Treasurer of the General Association of Massachusetts for the year ending May 10, 1897, and find them accurately cast and properly vouched. The balance in the treasury per statement of the Beacon Trust Company is $4,063.05.

H. N. ACKERMAN,
THOMAS TODD, } *Auditors.*

The auditors of the General Association of Massachusetts recommend as the assessment for the year 1897 the sum of three and one half cents for each church member.

H. N. ACKERMAN,
THOMAS TODD, } *Auditors.*

BOSTON, May 13, 1897.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.[1]

T. Clayton Welles, Taunton.

"The Spiritual Life of the Churches."

Your committee on the work of the churches, with unanimous agreement, turned this year to the subject of "The Spiritual Life."

For some years past, questions of organization and method and adaptation have engaged the attention of the committee and furnished the chief items of report. These are recognized as matters of very great interest and importance, but there must also be spiritual power if we are to have blessed results. The latest improvements in cylinders and valves and driving rods are by all means to be utilized, and yet the vital steam pressing upon the piston, of whatever form or patent, is indispensable for effective work.

In the apostolic church they had very meagre organization, but they were endued with power from on high and wrought marvellously. If there could be in our churches a more general possession of all the members by the Holy Spirit, we cannot doubt that the Lord would add to them "day by day those that were being saved."

Our inquiries this year, therefore, have been along the line of the manifestation and development of spiritual energy in the churches, concerning the weekly prayer-meeting, the Sunday school, the Young People's Society, and other special means, as promoting spiritual efficiency and results, about actual church membership on the part of all believers and the general spiritual condition.

By this means we have hoped to be able to make our report concerning this truly essential matter to the General Association, and incidentally through this body to impress upon the thought and action of the churches throughout the Commonwealth the need of a more intense loyalty to Jesus Christ in the personal life, and a more devoted service in the self-sacrificing endeavor to win and encourage others to the same loyalty.

The first question on the circular sent to every church was: —

I. "What is the apparent spiritual condition of your church?"

In the responses it has been impossible to arrange any scientific tabulation. Different reporters would speak of the same condition variously, according to the various ideals accepted by each.

What one would consider quite satisfactory, another would bemoan as distressingly poor. One pastor who consulted some of his members on this point writes, "as usual," "fair," "rather low." "Low," "very low," are answers given by some of our active workers to this question.

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But in general, fifteen dare to say that the spiritual condition of their churches is "*excellent*," "*very* good," and eleven are candid enough to confess that it is "very low." Forty-five report an "improved" or "hopeful" condition, and forty-two describe it as "poor" and "lukewarm." Seventy-five express their estimate in the very indefinite but favorite adjective "good," and sixty-seven use the still less positive terms "fair," "medium," "normal."

It would appear, then, accepting the reporting churches as fairly indicating the condition of affairs in all the State,—though really there might be reason in holding that the churches duly and promptly sending in returns are on an appreciably higher spiritual plane than those failing in this duty also, —but taking a charitable view, it would appear from the estimate concerning themselves of those on the watch-towers of Zion, that fully one half of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts are in an unsatisfactory spiritual condition.

The work drags and suffers and progress fails, not from lack of numbers nor of well-adapted organization, but from lack of interest and devotion, from the low ebbing of the spiritual life. Strength seems to be wanting in this body ecclesiastic not from any organic disease, but from a low state of vitality. Many of our churches are not holding their own in this stronghold of our faith, in numbers or in influence, because there is so little heartiness in directly Christian and churchly service. The fire of devotion to Christ burns low in many places because there is so much sacrifice offered at the altars of worldly profits, positions, and pleasures. Lukewarm water will never generate steam to set in motion the most properly constructed wheels, and lukewarm Christians, neither cold nor hot, do not make aggressive and victorious churches.

But I will let a few of the responses speak for themselves: —

"Our power is latent, as a whole. We lack in enterprise and aggressiveness." "While a few are alive and active, the majority seem to be easy going." "Some interest in the congregation, the church not really awake." "Resting on our oars." "Almost as numb as the average." "As a whole, great indifference to the work to which we are called in Christ's name." "Outside the Christian Endeavor Society a low spiritual condition." "No spirituality except in two or three members."

But it is not all in this strain. Others say concerning the spiritual condition: —

"Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." "They talk precious little in prayer-meeting, but the church has done more practical work during the past year than for many years." "Practical righteousness generally apparent, devoutness not so evident." "Better than it has been for years." "There is greater desire to see souls saved, more prayer and more effort." "Greatly revived during 1896. The work is being prosecuted vigorously." "Excellent; conversions constantly." The last which I shall quote under this head takes hope from the subject suggested by the committee, and answers, "The tide is rising. Statistics have been more emphasized than spirituality in previous years."

It perhaps ought to be said that the reports which have come to the committee since March 1 are generally more hopeful than the earlier, especially in and about Boston, — an indication, possibly, that the Moody meetings had an influence for good upon the spiritual condition of the churches of that vicinity.

Our second inquiry was: —

II. "What proportion of your resident members attend the week-day prayer-meeting?"

The responses are a kaleidoscope depicting many forms and colors. Some churches have no prayer-meeting whatever. Some have a Christian Endeavor meeting and make that serve the purpose. Some have both during the week, and even supplement these with cottage meetings, in different parts of the parish, and one church reports five week-day prayer-meetings in different localities, in a widely scattered community, through which it reaches in the aggregate two thirds of its membership.

The proportion of members attending varies from none to one hundred per cent. The agency of a living and earnest prayer-meeting, though of a comparatively recent origin, is increasingly recognized and might well furnish an entire theme of inquiry and report on the part of this committee. We have but glimpses of it this year, in our one question.

One pastor writes, "Eighty per cent attend with more or less irregularity, and one half regularly"; another, "The average is about two thirds;" another, "The average attendance is seventy-five to eighty per cent. One hundred per cent attend sooner or later." Perhaps I ought to say, this is from a young church filled with the flush of a fresh enthusiasm. Others report, "Not more than one sixth"; "About one seventh"; "As near as I can judge, one tenth"; "But few, it is a neglected affair"; "No week-night meeting can be sustained." Four fifths of the reporting churches employ the fractions one fourth or one third to represent the number attending the mid-week meeting, and this may be stated, therefore, as the general average. It may also be said that as a rule the larger the attendance the more vigorous the spiritual life. The church prayer-meeting is both cause and effect, the developer and the manifestation of spirituality in the living church.

Our third question asks: —

III. "Are there many in your congregation who appear to have found Christ, but are not inclined to unite with the church?"

Again there is a wide variety in the responses, and yet the nearly universal voice confesses, "Yes, there is a considerable number."

According to the clearest indications there are in more than nine tenths of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts those who call themselves Christians in their own thought, who are not willing to be enrolled in the church of Christ, who profess to be obedient to him in general, but decline to obey the command, "Do this in remembrance of me," who sincerely hope that Christ will confess them at the last before his Father and the holy angels, but are not willing to confess him before their fellow men here. It is confidently believed that if those whose inmost faith and pur-

pose do in the main unite them to Jesus Christ would heartily acknowledge their discipleship by uniting with his churches, those organizations would be greatly augmented in numbers and enlarged in influence. We commend this matter to the pastors and the churches, and suggest that by all wisely directed personal and general efforts they endeavor to bring to the public and open espousal those in their companies who are at heart already united with the Head of the church.

The fourth inquiry asks: —

IV. "How can the Sunday school be made a greater spiritual power in the church?"

Under this head numbers of brief and excellent suggestions more or less founded on experience are returned, and with one remark I shall let a considerable number speak for themselves.

In a large majority of cases the hope of any better spiritual results is placed upon the teachers. Sometimes the officers are included with them, but the great expectancy of the Sunday school as a spiritual power is with those who instruct.

To develop, then, the spiritual life and ability and endeavor of the teaching force should be always a subject of special care and concern.

The teacher should be an earnest and devoted soul as well as an intelligent mind from first to last, using earnest prayer as well as faithful study in the preparation of the lesson. Make the spirituality of the teachers powerful, and you will make the Sunday school a spiritual power in the church. But let us hear from the State: —

"Better appreciation of the value of Bible study as a means of personal growth." "By more earnest spiritual teaching and better spiritual living on the part of teachers." "Let the teachers make the Sunday-school class a parish for which they are personally responsible." "Constant effort on the part of superintendent and pastor to make teaching tend to spirituality." "By the church recognizing its obligation to the school." "By having all the church members also members of the school." "Get all the church into the Sunday school, and all the Sunday school into the church." "Encourage the children's attendance at morning worship with a five-minute children's sermon." "Have quarterly evangelistic services." "Use the last fifteen minutes of the hour for an occasional prayer and testimony meeting." "Have the opening exercises sometimes of an evangelistic character." "Utilize special days." "Train the children in benevolence." Which gives me an opportunity to say that every Massachusetts Congregational Sunday school should make an offering to our own Sunday-school Society on Children's Day, a custom which fortunately is growing every year, and ought to more and more. But to quote again, "Have an interest in the scholars seven days in the week." "Banish quarterlies and commit scripture to memory." "Install the superintendent by the laying on of hands." "Organize a home department." "Change the hour to three or four o'clock in the afternoon, and make the Sunday school the second service of the church." "Less machinery and more meeting with Jesus." "Ask God." There are very many more well worthy presentation, if time permitted.

The next question was: —

V. "How can the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor be made a greater spiritual power in the church?

From several churches comes the word that the Young People's Society is already the main source of spiritual power; that this organization, with its officers and committees, is useful in all the different departments of the church efficiency, and that without it there would be an immediate depression of the spiritual thermometer.

One reporter goes so far as to say, "Let some of our good deacons recognize the society as a part of the church, and attend some of the meetings and get their hearts warmed." Quite a number would like to take the Christian Endeavor idea into the church prayer-meeting and have every one pledged to take some part at every meeting, and some would occasionally unite the two into one, all for the greater spiritual power of the church. Some think the Christian Endeavor committees might be more serviceable in the various lines of church activity.

Very many would seek a closer union between the Young People's Society and the church, in mutual sympathy and helpfulness, urging that the older members should have more to do with the young life of the society, and especially that the church officers should be more interested in their welfare. A large number suggest that the pastor should give more thought and help and employment to the young people in the general life and service of the church. If they could be put to work under his direct leadership it is thought this would help to develop spiritual results.

A *still larger* number think that the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor would be a greater spiritual power in the church if *they* would bear in mind that they are a part of the church and not an organization by themselves, and if they would think and work less for themselves and their society, and more "for Christ and the church," according to their motto.

So great a chorus of voices ask that the young people should feel that the church is first, and not the society, and that the usual agencies of the church should be by them heartily sustained, that one gets the idea that the general drift is away from that practice.

One reporter indeed urges an increase of loyalty and responsibility to the society, but the hundreds urge more devotion to the mother organization. In fact, true loyalty to the society involves devotion to the church first, and those Endeavorers who live most heartily true to the inmost teaching of their constitution will always put the church as the primary consideration.

Perhaps that is one reason why a *still* greater number turn to the pledge as the point to be kept in view. Here is where attention centres. "Better keeping of the pledge will make the Christian Endeavor Society a greater spiritual power in the church," is in effect the reply which comes from all over the State. "Either *keep* the pledge, or abolish it," is the multiplied verdict.

Some hold that there is even now a lowering of the moral tone of many because of the frequent breaking of the solemn pledge they have taken.

In a few societies the pledge is set aside already, but everywhere there is the call to keep it rigidly if it is retained in force.

An occasional reply under this head deprecates too much machinery, with committees on every subject and business meetings and multitudinous reports, while others urge more fidelity to regular committee work.

Several speak of members of the Christian Endeavor Society joining the church as one of the best helps to spirituality, and some would go so far as to have membership in the society involve an immediate confession of Christ in the church.

In some societies the social element seems to have gained undue prominence, and it is said that spiritual power would be increased by less devotion to social gatherings and entertainments.

Other suggestions are, "Keep spiritual interests at the front." "Emphasize the spiritual mission of the society." "Make much of prayer in the meetings." "Put more responsibility upon them and they will respond." "Bring the society to the front in Christian service, and not let them flock by themselves." "Get them to feel that their work is not done when they have taken part in their prayer-meeting." "Give more attention to home and foreign missions." "Special attention to the Junior branch." "Develop a larger amount of steady usefulness." "Have spiritual leaders in charge." "Personal consecration."

Our last question was: —

VI. Have you any special methods for the development of the spiritual life of the church, and what suggestions have you in regard to the same?

From wise and aggressive and spiritual pastors have come so many and so discreet responses that a small book might easily be issued which would be of permanent value. To commence with the pastors themselves, many acknowledge that the spiritual life of the church would be greatly helped by a deeper and more tender spirituality on the part of the leader. One confesses that what his church most needs is that the pastor be more spiritual, and quotes the saying of Mr. Jones as applicable: "The train goes faster than the engine."

Another says, "The pastor must make every call tell in developing the spiritual life of the people. I have prayed in every family and I find that the church has taken a bound forward in spiritual things."

Another declares, "Personal work is my main dependence."

In fact, personal work on the part of both pastor and people is the special method most generally commended for the development of the spiritual life of the church. While a great many novel expedients are mentioned, the very general sentiment is that the old methods used earnestly and skilfully are as well adapted to secure the results we seek as any that can be devised. "There are no cathode rays," says one, "for spiritual illumination, but let us put new life into the old methods," and of these "personal influence" leads all others in general mention. "Personal consecration" is an oft-recurring term. "Set each member to lead one to Christ" is a reiterated thought." The churches do not need more spiritual food but more spiritual exercise." "What we want is a revival of personal service."

"Summon the whole church to an occasional consecration Sunday." "Ask the people to come to the various services from the closet and discourage the critical spirit." "Get those who cannot come to the mid-week meeting to spend a little time in prayer for it and for the church." "Sacrifice comforts and pleasures for Christ and the church." "The crying need is consecration that means something, that has power to move against winds and tides."

The agency most depended upon after personal effort and consecration is in connection with prayer-meetings. "Make more of the mid-week prayer-meeting," say very many. "The church has a vast undeveloped power in the weekly prayer meetings." "Make the mid-week prayer meeting more conversational." "More prayer and less conference in the mid-week meeting." "Make more use of groups and circles of prayer." "Our ladies' prayer-meeting is doing a great deal in developing the spiritual life of our church." "Our deacons and deaconesses have a separate prayer-meeting every week to pray for the spiritual welfare of the church."

One pastor has a prayer chain of thirty members who agree to pray for special objects. One writes, "I believe that a good share of the prayer-meeting topics should bear upon the application of the mind of Christ to the locality, that the prayer-meeting furnishes the main instrument by which there can be a steady progress in bettering the life of the community, and another, "There is no possible hope for a growing spiritual life in that portion of the membership who attend no prayer-meeting and do not pray in their families."

Many report good results from cottage prayer-meetings, and one would have neighboring churches to become more acquainted and work and pray together to the end of quickening all hearts. Some would emphasize the "week of prayer" and "Passion week." One would keep the church house open with some sort of a meeting every night in the week, and at nine o'clock have a sort of a family prayer. Another is a firm believer in institutional methods wherever practicable. Another reports his vestry open every Monday evening for a social meeting for men, one half of whom are reformed from the drink habit.

Some would develop the spiritual power through the preaching.

It is suggested that the earnest proclamation of the doctrine of repentance, as found in Matt. iii. 8, and of faith, as declared in John iii. 16, would be *quite special* and very much needed. Another says, "Bring to the front the redemption that is in Christ Jesus for spiritual power."

Special series of sermons on practical and spiritual themes are suggested. After the more spiritual preaching many would hold some form of after meeting for individual instruction, persuasion and decision. A considerable number of pastors hold special classes for those who are candidates for church membership, and find it helpful.

One pastor with an experience says, "First of all put an end to the ecclesiastical society, and let the church attend to its own business as a part of its spiritual service. Then declare the living God to be of some

account in his church as well as money, social position, history or opinion."

Better parish work is also magnified as productive of great results. The division of the field into sections, and assigning each to the deacons or the Sunday-school teachers or classes, or some special committee, is very popular, and widely practised through the State.

One pastor sent out fifty hektograph letters to the "shut-ins" of his parish, asking them to pray for the church and its agencies. Several recommend benevolence as aids to spirituality, and some magnify the home life and family worship as of great importance. One says "spiritual life cannot be developed, but springs up under the energizing of the Holy Spirit, and, if it could be, special methods would not do it," and another sweetly reminds us that "all methods are made blessed by a right motive."

Time would utterly fail me to speak of the organizations mentioned, the King's Daughters, the young men's brotherhoods, the boys' clubs and brigades. There is no lack of devices, any of which may have value if conceived and operated in the right spirit.

God is with us and with his churches if we be with him, and he seems to have come very near to the true idea who said, "Let every officer and every department make frequent visits to the burning bush," and likewise he who urged "more teaching upon the office and work of the Holy Spirit."

The spiritual life of our churches will always be most vigorous and fruitful when, with repentance and prayer, we yield ourselves implicitly and lovingly to a divine direction and control.

Approved by the committee.

T. CLAYTON WELLES, *secretary.*

BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.[1]

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the General Association of Massachusetts: —

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply respectfully presents its third annual report.

Our office was opened on the first week of July, 1894. Our financial year, so far as concerns the accounts kept with the churches of contributions received from them, still runs from the first of July. The summary of receipts and expenses as given in this report is brought to the first of May, and covers the year preceding that date. In former years our report concerning the work of the office itself has been carried to the date of the meeting of the Association. But it has seemed best, for clearness and for convenience in future reports, to bring this no further than to the same point, the first of May. The effect will be to make the period here covered less than a year, or eleven and one third months only. This should be borne in mind in any comparisons that may be made with the report of last year. The amount of work for this period, so far as it can be tabulated, is a little larger than it was for the whole of the preceding year.

We have rendered service in matters directly connected with filling the pastoral office to one hundred and twenty-seven churches or one hundred and twenty-five pastoral fields, two of these comprising two churches. (If the entire year were taken, bringing the reckoning to the present time, the number would be one hundred and thirty-five.) Nothing is counted except that which has been done in answer to requests from official representatives of churches. The furnishing of occasional or temporary supplies is not included. It is not meant that our office has assisted in the making of one hundred and twenty-five actual settlements. In the case of many churches conferring with us a settlement has not yet been reached. In some instances, communication with us may doubtless have had the effect to prevent the making of proposed pastoral engagements. This is a thing not pleasant to think of; but if no such result ever followed it would prove that we were false to our obligations.

The number of settlements in which we have had what may fairly be called a large and important share was fifty-six. The number of settlements following directly upon recommendations made originally and distinctly by us was thirty-nine. These figures, as before, do not cover an entire year.

Opportunities to appear before churches as candidates for settlement have been furnished to one hundred and one men; this also not covering a full year. With churches that have received their candidates from us

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the average number of such candidates that have been heard before a settlement has been reached — counting the man finally engaged — has been two and one thirty-ninth. Eighteen churches have taken the first candidate sent. The average age of the men settled was thirty-six and five sevenths. Eight were under thirty and one was over sixty.

Of the whole number of churches served by us in matters relating to the pastorate there were twenty-three churches having a membership of over three hundred, — forty-five having a membership of from one hundred to three hundred, and fifty-seven with a membership of less than one hundred. Of these churches, sixteen pay a salary of over $2,000, — forty-two of between $1,000 and $2,000, and sixty-seven of less than $1,000. It will be seen that the proportion of the stronger churches conferring with us is not small.

The whole number of churches in Massachusetts that were without a pastor a year ago was, by our reckoning, forty-six. The number on the first of May of the present year was about the same. These figures may not be absolutely accurate, since it cannot always be known whether a resignation that is reported to have occurred has actually taken effect. Many of the churches that are without pastors are very small. Eleven have less than thirty members.

In our report of last year it was said that we had reason to believe that a very large proportion of the pastoral settlements effected through connection with our office were regarded with continuing satisfaction. It was added that "it would soon be possible, by comparing these pastorates with others in the matter of permanence, to bring the value of the service of our Board to a very important if not decisive test." The time has not been long, but an interesting comparison can even now be made. We find that of the pastors settled by Massachusetts churches conferring with us from the opening of our office in July, 1894, to the middle of May, 1896, seven and two fifths per cent have resigned their places during the year that has passed since that time; while of all other ministers settled in Massachusetts during that same period, nineteen and three tenths per cent have resigned during this same year. The figures may not be absolutely exact, since we are not sure of the dates of all these settlements. But the reckoning has been carefully made, and it is not far wrong.

The very remarkable fact thus appears, that the rate of official ministerial mortality during the last year was between two and three times as great among pastors with whose settlement we had no connection, as it was among those settled at the same time through conference with our office. In other words, the ratio of change during this period has been two or three times greater with men otherwise settled, and the ratio of permanence two or three times greater with men settled through correspondence with our office. These results, to say the least, are of striking significance.

Another remarkable fact might here be noted — though it is nothing with which the work of our Board has so far had anything to do. It appears that the ratio of pastoral change among all the churches of the State is

much greater in the first three or four years of a pastorate than it is in any equal number of later years. The state of pastoral childhood is feeble and precarious; but if once the period of teething and croup and catching fevers and eruptive rashes is passed, there is a fair prospect of reaching a good ministerial old age.

The average length of pastorate with all the ministers now settled in our English speaking churches is about five and four fifths years. Fully one hundred of these churches have now pastors in whose settlement our office has had an important share. This is about one fifth of the number of churches now provided with pastors.

Pastoral engagements are made in increasing numbers without the calling of a council. This is due mostly to an apprehension on the part of the churches that a settlement in the ancient and regular form may prove permanent beyond their wishes. There is an easy remedy, as suggested by Dr. Quint and lately referred to in the Congregationalist, by providing that upon the giving of due notice by either party, a council shall be called to advise upon the matter of the continuance of the pastoral relation. If the Association should deem it wise to make some recommendation to the churches bearing upon this matter, it might serve to give effective support to an important feature in our Congregational polity.

The work of our office in aid of pastoral settlements has increased, we think, as fast as was to be expected, and possibly as fast as was to be desired. It was needful that it should be done first of all with carefulness. With the amount of work that has come to us there must have been made mistakes enough. And the office has been busy enough. There has been no day since it was opened when there has not been much work reluctantly left undone. With better appliances, with methods becoming established and improved, with a rapidly increasing stock of classified and available information, and with some gain perhaps by experience, it may be hoped that in the future our work may be both gradually enlarged in extent and greatly improved in quality.

We should like more money from the churches, if it seemed well to them to give it to us. We have gained on the whole somewhat in this respect; but our receipts are still falling much behind what is needed.

The account for the year, as furnished by the treasurer, is as follows: —

Receipts from churches	$1,407 82
" " individuals	152 00
" " office fees	194 75
" " preaching by secretary	584 25
	$2,338 82

Expenditures: —

Rent of office	$150 00
Care of office	19 80
Office furnishings	87 63
Advertising	31 20
Stationery	21 26

Printing	$13 75
Telegrams	4 81
Postage	96 60
Travelling expenses	87 53
Salary of secretary in part	1,376 24
Salary of secretary's assistant	450 00
	$2,338 82

There is now due the secretary $2,201.37. There are no other debts. If this indebtedness, or some considerable portion of it, might be paid, it would be a great relief to the secretary.

Six conferences made their collections for the Board through their own Treasurers: Berkshire South, Hampshire, Worcester North, Essex South, Norfolk, and Barnstable. It is understood that two others, Pilgrim Conference and Suffolk South, have lately voted to do the same,—making eight conferences in all. There has been steady progress in this direction. In so far as other conferences may deem it wise to follow in this line, the financial problem before us will be simplified and solved. The total receipts for the year exceeded those of the year preceding by $291.40. It will be observed that there was expended nearly $90 for office furnishings. We are now provided, for the first time, and greatly to our advantage, with adequate appliances for the assorting and filing of documents. The expense has been met and more than met by generous individual contributions. This outlay will not need to be repeated. Allowing for this, the receipts of the Board would fall short of meeting its actual expenses by a little more than $500. This rate of deficiency is much too large, but it is less than it was a year ago, and not half as large as it was for the first financial year of the Board. If we could now receive contributions from those churches only which have assured us of their friendly interest in our work, but have not as yet sent us their gifts, this alone would go far to meet the present annual deficiency. In the meantime, during this period of inadequate support, and while the habit of regular contribution from the whole body of our churches is not yet fully formed, we shall be glad if we may receive, still more than in the past, special gifts from such churches as may have the kindly and considerate disposition to make them. We have suffered too, along with all our benevolent societies, by the uncommon hardship of the times. If better days return this will be helpful to us. We desire to go on with our work, thankful for the measure of support we receive, and thankful especially that the churches are showing themselves willing to entrust us with so large a work to be done in their behalf.

The provision made for the support of the Board at the time of its establishment by the Association, in requesting that each church would contribute for this purpose an amount equal to one third of one per cent of the pastor's salary, would be abundantly adequate if it could be somewhat fully carried out. We do not recommend any change in the terms of this provision.

It is desirable that the nature and exact intent of our work itself should be clearly understood.

The central idea of our office is in this: That there should be an agency without the shadow of any authority over churches or pastors, but responsible to the churches, and in a measure to the pastors as members and officers of the churches, which may act in an advisory way with respect to pastoral settlements whenever, and only whenever, it is called upon to do it. It is intended that it should be kept clear of commercial and pecuniary interests in the making of any pastoral engagement. The fact of complete public responsibility is most of all characteristic and fundamental. The sense of obligation to the churches is enforced constantly upon us. Our purpose is to set before churches in a confidential way, whenever they desire it, the most clear and impartial testimonies that can be furnished respecting any man concerning whom they make inquiry. While we do this always with a controlling sense of obligation to the churches, we are required also so do it, to the utmost possible degree, with considerateness and brotherly kindness toward the men concerning whom inquiries are made. Failures must occur; but we aim at the things thus stated. It is hoped that it will become a point of honor in the office that whatever is done shall be done with fairness and impartiality at all costs. It is expected that the usages and traditions of the office may, by and by, and soon, get a setting upon these lines. Rules are being formed already which furnish safeguards, more or less effectively, against narrowly personal influences. It is distinctly forbidden that personal requests, from whatever source they may come, should be allowed anything of weight merely as requests, and beyond the intelligence and good judgment which they may be supposed to express. As matters of personal favor they are not permitted to be in the least regarded. It is not intended either that the individual judgment of any one person in the office should be much put forward as of decisive weight in itself. It is meant that there should be gathered in, as far as possible, the general judgment of discerning men who have had opportunities of knowledge concerning the matters or the persons under consideration. It is the business of the secretary to place this general judgment, as best he can, before those who have need to know and right to know what it is. There may always be an appeal from the secretary to the Board itself.

To the same end, that it may always be known and may always be true that our work is one of public responsibility, criticisms of every sort, even the most severe and adverse, are willingly and thankfully received. Mistakes pointed out are as far as possible corrected. We do not have any pride in keeping on in any course of error upon which we have started; we mean to have our satisfaction in getting rid of errors.

Our Board does not aim at any such thing as the getting wholly into its own hands the matter of ministerial recommendations. This would be altogether unpractical and impossible; and it would be altogether undesirable, even if it were possible. Friendly testimonies, personal and neighborly influences of every kind, will always have their place and use. We

are not trying to hinder the churches from receiving help in their choice of pastors from any and every quarter. We are not opposing anything, and we are not jealous of anything. We are not doing anything except to try to make our own recommendations valuable.

When churches inquire of us, as they do continually, concerning men whose names were brought before them otherwise than through our agency, we make our answering statements not at all less favorable on that account. Pastors of churches that make no contribution to our Board do not suffer in the least for that, even if it should happen to be thought of.

Other things being equal, preference is given to ministers who are without employment. This preference needs to be held within moderate limits; otherwise an advantage might sometimes accrue to restlessness or inefficiency. Often, too, men are assisted who have sufficient occasion for making a change, though they have not in fact resigned their office. In such cases, other things being equal, the pastor who has been longest in his place has preference.

We are slow in helping to unsettle men who are already prosperously at work. But even as to this, it is neceesary to remember that these may sometimes be the very men who are wanted in wider fields, and whose removal may be justified by a fair consideration of general interests.

The secretary ordinarily spends the Sunday with some church that has no pastor. On these occasions he has been allowed to feel at liberty to speak briefly, with such suggestions and encouragements as seemed appropriate. He has reminded the churches of the desirableness and the possibility that at such times faith, hope, and love should abide with them and should specially abound. This part of his work, whether or not of much service to the churches, has been of very great interest to the Secretary himself.

This is a general outline of the purpose and nature of the work of our Board. It is an occasion of continual painfulness to us that we are unable to render to many of our excellent brethren in the ministry such assistance as they desire and deserve. But openings to fields of labor suitable to their wants do not exist in sufficient numbers, and we cannot ourselves supply them.

It is frequently a matter of surprise to our brethren that we cannot furnish them at least the opportunity to visit some church looking for a pastor, even though we might not be prepared distinctly to advise anything in the case. They only wish for the opportunity, and they have no concern about any recommendation. The opportunity they think it ought to be easy for us to provide. Such communications come to us with particular frequency from men without the State. It is natural that there should be such thoughts. But to open their pulpits and give opportunities to candidates for settlement who bring with them no recommendations is precisely that which the churches conferring with us do not wish to do. It is because they do not wish to do it that they come to us. And if opportunities were to be furnished to all, without regard to any accom-

paniment of favorable statements, nothing would remain to be done but to record the names of applicants and propose that they should visit the churches, or any church, in the order of application, or in any other order or disorder that might be imagined.

But this would give no relief to ministers desiring places even if it could be done. It would not increase the number of openings for settlement; nor diminish the number of men that would fail to find them. The only effect would be to take away the advantage which belongs to a good record and a good reputation for character, capacity, and faithfulness. It is not for the interest of the churches or of the most worthy ministers that this advantage should be lessened.

But while we speak in this manner, we earnestly desire it to be understood that where we are unable at once or soon to offer opportunities for settlement to any one, the reason is not necessarily nor probably on account of supposed unfitness with the minister, but on account of general conditions which we are wholly unable to remove. The fixedness of these conditions and their distressing nature can hardly be realized anywhere else as we are compelled to realize them in our office every day and in every hour of the day. We must beg our brethren to be patient with us, and to believe that what we are able to do is no measure of what we most sincerely wish we could accomplish.

We shall not undertake to discuss here the question of a supposed or real surplus of ministers. Hasty and exaggerated statements are often made upon this point. What is most certain is that there is an excess of ministers as compared with the places that are able to afford comfortable ministerial support. The present distress comes more largely of financial than of merely numerical conditions. The general fall of salaries throughout the country, except in the more prosperous towns, is the chief cause of our present embarrassment. This falling of salaries is not due mainly to the number of ministers but to the general severity of the times — unprecedented in our generation.

It has affected men in many other callings of life beside the ministry, in which the most it might be hard to tell — perhaps the farmers most of all.

We need not be too forward in keeping young men back from entering the ministry, if their hearts are in it. They may suffer hardship; but they will find some work to do. We should not state too strongly either the degree of discomfort that is ordinarily experienced by the pastors of our churches, or the measure of unrest they feel. Many of them are sorely pressed. Some of them may be unduly disquieted, being open to human weakness. But the larger part are patient, faithful, useful, cheerful, hopeful, and happy. They are prosperous on the best lines of life; and they are still glad that they have entered upon a calling so sacred and so delightful.

It is most desirable in times like these that the leadership of the Christian ministry in faith and in all gracious works should be maintained and recognized. We hope through this Board, which you have estab-

lished, to assist somewhat in holding up the standard of worthiness and devotion with the ministry, and thus to contribute somewhat to the prosperity and peace of the churches to which our brethren minister.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING.[1]

So far as your committee have been able to learn, there was no rumor of pool-selling at races in central and western Massachusetts last season, with the single exception of Westfield. Since that time, the citizens of that town have bestirred themselves for the suppression of all illegalities in their jurisdiction, and with reference to this particular offence a petition has been presented to the selectmen. Matters have gone so far that, even if gambling should be attempted again, it could hardly fail to be so antagonized that it would probably become impossible hereafter.

In no community has this ruinous business of pool-selling, with other gambling, met more determined and successful treatment than in this city of Worcester. When one of your committee first went to the recent city marshall about it, he said that orders had been given to stop the business, and it did stop. The present chief of police also affirms clearly and emphatically that he will not allow any such illegality in Worcester. We are glad to be guests in such a city.

The gain of the year has been made in Medford, from which we receive the following report of progress from Rev. Isaac Pierson: —

"In this city there are two race-tracks. The older is called 'Mystic Park,' and has existed as a racing ground and organization for twenty-one years. The newer is called 'Combination Park' and began operations of like character in June, 1896. Pool-selling and gambling in other forms have been carried on openly at Mystic Park for many years, and like practices were inaugurated at Combination Park from the time of its opening. The evils of this gambling and the temptations to participate in its gains have been more apparent in South Medford, where the parks are situated, than in other parts of the city. Two or more attempts have been made by the Watch and Ward Society to serve warrants and arrest gamblers at the Mystic Park, but without success. So far as yet devel-

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oped, no organized effort to suppress gambling had ever been made within the city prior to the one herein narrated. In December last the biennial city elections took place, and Hon. Lewis H. Lovering was chosen mayor. Private interviews before the election had convinced many of the law-abiding citizens of his entire reliability in the matter of enforcing the laws, both against liquor-selling and gambling. His inauguration into office occurred Jan. 4. On Jan. 25, a committee of fourteen persons, who had been very carefully selected as earnest to suppress gambling, and representing varied interests in the city and widely different callings in life, and each commanding influence among a large circle of citizens, was convened and organized. The committee then went in a body to the mayor's office, where by appointment he received it and listened to its words. The committee, through its chairman, rehearsed the situation past and present as existing at the two parks, and asked that, as mayor of the city, and having ample power to do so, he would enforce the laws of the State against pool-selling and other forms of gambling throughout the city, and especially at and in connection with the two racing parks. . . . The mayor has given official instructions to the chief of police requiring the faithful administration of the laws both against gambling and liquor-selling. And furthermore he has recently called together the whole police force and enjoined upon each member his personal responsibility for its enforcement."

No sooner had the mayor declared his intention to honor his oath of office by enforcing the laws against gambling, than an article appeared in a Boston paper inquiring why citizens should care to agitate a measure which, if carried through, must close the race-tracks and deprive Medford of all the revenue derived from such a source. This question was courteously and thoroughly answered on Sunday evening, March 14, by Rev. Isaac Pierson for his community of South Medford, and by Rev. John Barstow, to a representative congregation, including the city government, in his church at Medford Centre. The local paper in its next issue endorsed the position of the mayor and the arguments of the pastors in an editorial, calm and dignified, but making it absolutely clear that no regard for any financial loss that might accrue to any person or persons from the suppression of gambling, could be allowed to prevent the enforcement of the righteous law of the Commonwealth.

The Boston Congregational Club, in behalf of the larger constituency affected by the gambling nuisance, endorsed the position of the law-abiding citizens and city government of Medford. It is reported from Medford that "the race track people are making preparations for their annual races, but they give no indications of a purpose to resist or evade the law, and so the matter stands, awaiting the developments of the few weeks to come." It is nevertheless true that racing men have commonly said that unless there are pools there can be no races, and that this has been the usual result. It remains, therefore, to inquire whether, if they should wish to avail themselves of legal delays and technicalities, they could do so with success.

Much depends upon public opinion, which is a sufficient reason in itself for action on this matter by our Association. Where public opinion has been unenlightened and indifferent, individual protests against gambling, or even official orders that were merely formal, have failed to enforce the law, which has been successfully nullified by resort to legal technicalities. Thus cases have been continued indefinitely, and fines have been imposed so small that to men drawing gamblers' profits they have been only as license fees. *Nevertheless, be it noted, that in our Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the past five years, it has always been true that whenever a thoroughly enlightened and aroused community, in a reasonable way and through the proper officers, has indicted gambling, no prosecuting officer has failed to bring the case to a conclusion, nor has the fine imposed been so small as to convert a statute manifestly enacted to suppress gambling into a practical license to guarantee extravagant profits to gamblers wilfully and deliberately breaking the law of the State. In brief, hitherto, whenever the law-abiding sentiment of the community has had indicted gambling in this Commonwealth, gambling has ceased.* Medford has now protested against the iniquity to the intent that indictment may follow the offence: Honor to her Mayor and power to his arm!

From one of the selectmen of Saugus your Committee learn as follows: "We have made no change from last year. No permission granted for pool-selling or any form of gambling. License granted for race-course. Same as last year." A statement more positive and clear against the evil under discussion were indeed desirable. The State law forbids pool-selling and gambling. No gambler asks of local authorities license to break a statute of the Commonwealth. All he asks is "just to be let alone." Your committee have made further inquiries, and hope to hear from the selectmen of Saugus that they not only have given no permission to violate the statutes, but that they will not permit the statutes to be violated within the jurisdiction where they are under a sworn obligation to enforce the laws. It were certainly too much to think that Saugus would remain outside the fellowship of municipalities which seek for law and order.

If this Association disapproves of gambling and does approve the suppressions hitherto accomplished, and the contest now on hand, it should be manifested by continuing a committee for the cause, with instructions to illustrate the perseverance of the saints.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.[1]

In coming before you with a brief report of the salient features of the temperance movement within our field, your committee alludes first of all to the just completed decade of continuous prohibition of the liquor traffic in Cambridge, and to the memorable celebrations which took place in the University city, on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. This is a noble chapter in the municipal life of this historic city, well and worthily commemorated. Best of all the commemoration included the general expression of the purpose to follow the first by a second decade of continuous outlawry of the liquor traffic. The struggles by which the policy has been thus far retained are too well known to require description here. We gladly make note of the event and hold up the example as worthy of all imitation. Wherever else revolutions of municipal policy occur we hope Cambridge will hold herself true to her notable and unique history.

Of course, in fairness to her sister cities more distant from Boston, it ought to be said that she is situated more favorably than they for the permanent maintenance of this policy. But she has not maintained it without great good sense and firm resolution in the conduct of her campaigns and in the enforcement of the municipal mandate.

Upon a petition emanating from this body, the Legislature of the Commonwealth, in 1894, ordered the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to make a thorough investigation as to the relation of the liquor traffic to pauperism, crime, and insanity in this Commonwealth. As we have before reported, the investigation covered the twelve months ending Aug. 20, 1895. The report of the Bureau has been published since our last annual meeting. It forms a volume of 416 pages under the title, "Relation of the Liquor Traffic to Pauperism, Crime, and Insanity." Every available source of information has been canvassed, and the Chief of the Bureau believes that the results of the tables published may be accepted as trustworthy and reliable. The report covers 3,230 returns as to pauperism, 26,672 as to crime, and 1,836 as to insanity. The evidence rests upon personal interviews as to 31,738 cases. It comprises the largest body of information secured by direct personal interview with the persons immediately concerned that has ever been obtained. The volume will be sent upon request and the payment of postage.

And what does this investigation show?

In the matter of insanity, so far as the point could be determined, about half of the insane committed during the year had been in the habit of drinking, and more than two thirds were children of parents one or both of whom used liquor.

Of the paupers, about two thirds were addicted to the use of liquor, or,

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excluding minors, three fourths of them. About half the whole number had one or both parents intemperate.

But the most striking figures are connected with the criminal record. Here we find the relation with the use of liquor more direct and constant.

The total number of criminal convictions of all classes for the year, was 26,672, of which 3,091 were of women and girls. Out of this total, 17,575 were convictions for drunkenness; 657 for drunkenness connected with other crimes; and 8,440 for other crimes, *i. e.*, more than two thirds of the criminal convictions in the Commonwealth were for drunkenness, either alone or connected with other criminal acts. In 82 out of every 100 cases of criminal conviction, the offender was in liquor at the time the offence was committed. In almost half of the 8,440 cases, where the conviction was for some crime other than drunkenness, the offender was in liquor when the offence was committed, and therefore more readily responsive to the criminal impulse, and in more than 57 of these cases out of every 100 he was in liquor when he formed the intent to commit the crime. Thus more than half the crimes, besides those having direct connection with drunkenness, which were proven in our courts upon offenders, were committed under conditions created by the intemperate habits of the criminal. Moreover, in about 60 cases out of every 100, the intemperate habits of persons, other than the offender, are said to have been influential toward the commitment of the offence. This was true of 43 per cent of the crimes other than those connected with drunkenness. Of the whole number convicted of crime, women included, only 6 in 100 were total abstainers, and two fifths of this small per cent of total abstainers were minors. And yet, more than half, even of the minors convicted, had contracted the drink habit. Leaving the minors out of the account, it appears that, of every 100 adult convicts, women included, 96½ were addicted to the use of liquor. Of the male convicts, minors included, 94 out of every 100 used tobacco.

This, indeed, as we have been taught to believe, is the case. But this is a *new and official demonstration* of the claim which we have been accustomed to make. This demonstration is made on the basis of a very wide and wholly unprejudiced investigation into the history of our insane, pauper, and criminal population. It should be noted that few total abstainers ever get into our prisons and houses of correction. Our *pauper classes* are also largely drinkers. The result of this official study of this important social problem shows anew the greatness of this social and domestic curse. No one can form the habit of liquor drinking without grave peril to his whole future. Total abstinence is the only safe rule.

On the question whether license or prohibition most restricts the evils attendant on the use of liquor, the investigation throws some incidental light. During the year covered by the investigation, 260 towns and cities were *wholly* under prohibition, and 53 *wholly* under license. Because the year during which these studies were in progress covered parts of two license years, there were some towns and cities which were under each system a part of the year. The 53 municipalities which were wholly

under license contained half the population of the State. The contrast between these and the prohibition municipalities, in the matter of arrests, is very striking. In the *license* cities and towns, to each 1,000 of the population there were 36 arrests for drunkenness and 22 for other offences; whereas, in the *no-license* cities and towns there were only 10 arrests for drunkenness, and 10 for other causes *i. e.*, 58 against 20, the larger number being where license prevailed. If it is necessary to admit that a part of this difference was due to differences in the character of the places, another comparison is possible which is equally striking and more conclusive. There were 40 towns and cities which changed from one system of liquor control to the other during the year covered by the investigation. And the changes were not all in one direction. When the policy of a given city or town is changed within a certain twelvemonth, a comparison of the arrests under each system is of material value as helping to determine the bearing of each system upon the criminality of the place. The facts in these 40 municipalities show that arrests for drunkenness and for other causes were much larger under license. The real test at this point came in the five *cities* which reversed their policy during this time. The five were Haverhill, Lynn, Medford, Pittsfield, and Salem. Haverhill shows an average of 81 arrests a month for drunkenness under license, and only 26 a month under prohibition. In Lynn the comparative numbers were 315 and 117; in Medford, 20 and 13; in Pittsfield, 93 and 36; in Salem, 40 and 29. Aggregating the five cities which changed their policy in one direction or the other we have 649 arrests for drunkenness per month during the license period of the year in the five cities which changed their policy, and 221 in the no-license period — only about one third as many under no license.

Referring to the movement within the Massachusetts Medical Society which seemed to us, in its animus, hostile to the compulsory study of scientific temperance, as described in our last annual report, and found on pages 116 and 117 of the Minutes, and to the action of this body relative to the matter as recorded on page 117, we beg to report the action which has since been taken in the premises.

Prior to the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society, held June 9, 1896, Rev. Dr. Plumb, acting as secretary for the allied committees of churches and temperance societies, addressed a circular letter to each of the members of that society, to the number of between two thousand and three thousand, referring to the report which had brought the matter before the society and giving reasons why its positions were not well taken, why they do not form an adequate basis for the action proposed, and why those whose sentiments the circular represented had been led to feel that the purpose of the proposed action was hostile to the compulsory study of Physiological Temperance in the public schools. The circular stated that a hearing had been asked on the question, and urged its recipients to use their influence in opposition to the committal of the name of the Massachusetts Medical Society to any course which might be regarded as one of hostility to the law of the State requiring temperance education.

Your committee, in the persons of some of its members, as instructed by this body, presented itself at the meeting of the Medical Society, in June, together with representatives of other denominations and societies, and respectfully asked to be heard. Our representatives were courteously but firmly refused a hearing on the ground that it was contrary to all precedent that any one save a member should be heard by the society, and that its committee would listen to whatever we wished to communicate. As we had already met this committee, further consultation with it seemed useless.

With all due respect to the Massachusetts Medical Society, your committee deems the refusal of that society to listen to representatives of the churches and temperance organizations of Massachusetts, upon a topic so deeply affecting the moral and physical welfare of the public, a strange disregard for the common law of respect and courtesy.

The result of such refusal was the appointment, by the representatives of religious and temperance organizations, of a sub-committee, to secure from eminent medical authority a careful examination of the text-books on physiology and hygiene approved by the promoters of the temperance education movement, and an opinion thereupon. This committee, which included two members of the committee now reporting, and another member of this body, chose a committee of physicians of eminence from different parts of the country, members of the American Medical Association, to examine the text-books in question and specifically to point out, not if these books are, as no school book ever yet published has been, perfect in expression, but where, if at all, their statements need amending to be in accord with truth, and where those statements are substantially accurate and in accord with the latest testimony of science.

This committee of physicians, thus chosen, began its work in the summer of 1896. Two of the number were unable to act on account of illness. The reports of the others were returned to the committee, who were directed to receive and publish them in behalf of the churches and allied philanthropic organizations acting in the matter. The report of the medical authorities who made the examination was all that could be wished as a vindication of the substantial accuracy of the text-books which had been indorsed by the friends of this phase of the educational movement that had been called in question. Not a single member of the distinguished medical committee of examiners of these indorsed text-books reports finding them inaccurate, but exactly the reverse. It would be a pleasure, did the time allow, to read these testimonies and place them on our records. They are contained in the circular which the committee published and sent to every minister and physician of Massachusetts, to the school boards of every town and city and to the principal newspapers of the entire country. This circular has been freely distributed throughout this house and is therefore available to all present.

The sub-committee well says:

"The bearing of this testimony on the future cannot be over estimated, for it furnishes powerful evidence in behalf of the truth of the physio-

logical reasons for abstinence from alcoholic drinks and other narcotics, the teaching of which has become a part of the system of public education of this nation.

"The irresponsible and indefinite charge that this warning is based on error, and not truth, is now absolutely disproved by the explicit, positive and unanimous testimony of this committee of medical experts, occupying the very first rank in their profession, and after a minute and careful examination of the various indorsed manuals of instruction."

As a result of the timely effort of the committee of this association, supported by the other organizations and individuals who have united in securing this medical testimony, it is confidently believed that the incipient effort to array the Massachusetts Medical Society against the present law requiring scientific temperance instruction in our public schools has been effectually thwarted, so that it will not again be heard from. The service thus rendered to the children, not only of Massachusetts but to those of the whole nation, is of vast significance.

In addressing to the school boards of Massachusetts the communication relative to the report of the medical experts touching the accuracy of the indorsed text-books, the committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Plumb, of this body, Rev. Dr. Morgan, and Mrs. Hunt, members of the committee now reporting, called attention to the statutory requirements of the Commonwealth, as interpreted by the State Board of Education, and urged faithful compliance therewith. A list of inquiries adapted both to graded and to ungraded schools was also sent, with the purpose of ascertaining how far the law is observed in the towns and cities of the State. It was asked that replies should be sent in in time for a tabulation of the facts thus elicited to be made and laid before the annual State meetings of the different denominational assemblies. Three hundred and fifty-three school boards were thus addressed. About one seventh of them have returned the blanks with answers to the questions. All of these report a definite course of study in this subject, and say it is taught as a regular branch of study. Nearly all have from two to five lessons a week. All but two or three report that text-books are used. The majority use the indorsed books. Tests and examinations seem to be generally employed in this study as in any other.

In view of the vast importance of the teaching of the truth relative to the dreadful evils inevitably connected with alcoholic and narcotic stimulation, in the language of the committee which has procured and published this medical testimony for us, "We earnestly urge school superintendents, boards of education and teachers to honor the spirit as well as the letter of the statute law, by making provision for as thorough pursuit of this study as they do for arithmetic or geography for 'all pupils in all schools' under their jurisdiction.

"With equal urgency we ask clergymen, and all others who have the public ear, and who have the moral welfare of the future at heart, not only to give their sympathy and active support to such instruction, through public and private utterance and in all other needed ways, but to

watch with vigilance lest through neglect or indifference the children be deprived of this warning education which is their right, and which the State demands. Upon this education the nation relies for a sober citizenship in the future."

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REPORT ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.[1]

The fathers of New England were very careful in their observance of the Lord's day. The Puritan ministers in England were deprived of their livings because they refused to sanction the proclamation of King James, which invited the people to devote a part of the day to amusements. They believed and taught that the prosperity of religion would depend in large part upon the fidelity of the people in keeping the day according to the teachings of the Bible. One of their reasons for coming across the sea was the desire to establish a colony where they could train their children to a strict observance of the Lord's day.

The churches of New England have accepted from their fathers the views which they have always maintained in respect to the due observance of the day. They incorporated these views into the Sunday laws which have been in force from the beginning of these Commonwealths. They have taught their children, from generation to generation, to keep the day holy unto the Lord. The religious growth of our churches has been due, in large measure, to their fidelity to the teachings of our ancestors.

It is very true that we do not connect the day so closely with the Jewish Sabbath as they did. We have returned to the view of the early church, that the first day of the week was more than the seventh day, in that it commemorated the resurrection of our Lord. We find that the Sabbath law is much older than the law of Moses. It is the Sabbath of the creation. God had written the law of weekly rest in our physical nature, and in our moral and spiritual nature as well, before he gave the fourth commandment on Mount Sinai. He who claimed to be "Lord of the Sabbath day" has taught us that "the Sabbath was made for man,"— that is, for the human race, of whatever period in its history, — and that it has, therefore, the highest divine authority. We hold that we have a

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special duty to bear our testimony always in favor of the observance of the holy day.

A year ago this Association sent to all the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, a Pastoral Letter, to urge, first of all upon ministers, the importance of explicit teaching, in the pulpit, relating to the Lord's day; and also to urge upon Christian parents, and the superintendents and teachers in Sunday schools, the importance of teaching the children and young people the duty and privilege of honoring the day as a day of rest and worship.

Your Committee have received intelligence from various parts of the State that these recommendations have been of great use. A good number of pastors have preached in respect to the divine authority of the day, and in respect to the best manner of keeping it. Several of the pastors are accustomed to preach frequently sermons designed to promote the observance of the Sabbath. Something has also been done during the year in the Sunday schools. In many of them, however, there is great room for improvement in this respect.

The Societies of Christian Endeavor, of the different religious denominations, are doing a good deal to promote Sabbath observance, and are taking a decided stand against the desecration of the holy day. "More and more," says the General Secretary, "is the Christian Endeavor Society becoming known as one of the many agencies God is using to protect his day. In conventions, in Christian Endeavor papers, and in the regular meetings, the topic is freely discussed, and each year, through quickened consciences, the members are taking higher ground and holding up higher ideals." A Lord's Day Banner is to be presented at the convention in San Francisco, this summer, to the State or province or foreign country that reports the best record in defence of the Lord's day, and the rest day, by its Christian Endeavor Societies. A very definite system of credits has been agreed upon, on the basis of which the award will be made. It has been recommended, in view of the unprecedented peril of the Sabbath, and its very close relation to religion as well as to good citizenship, that a Lord's Day Committee be organized in every society, with a view to making a house-to-house canvass in each city or town, distributing literature, and working up petitions for Sabbath closing.

The Young Men's Christian Associations of the State have also been active and faithful in their work for the Lord's day. A large number of Associations have bicycle clubs, made up of their own members. It is the uniform rule of these clubs that their members are not to engage in Sunday runs.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has a Superintendent of Sabbath Observance, and it has local committees to aid this work.

In some sections of the State there have been vigorous movements among Christians of different denominations to check the public desecration of the day.

In Springfield, for example, the pastor of the First Church, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, has taken the lead in a movement against Sunday games of

base-ball. A public meeting of some fifteen hundred people adopted resolutions protesting against Sunday playing by the local club of that city, and asking the club to cancel its Sunday engagements. The Christian Endeavor Union, of Springfield, representing thirty-three societies and more than two thousand members, resolved that "we will, by precept and example, endeavor to maintain the integrity, sacredness, and peace of the Lord's day." This Union also requested the base ball club to omit Sunday games from its schedule. This request not proving successful, they sent letters to the cities where the club had been announced to play Sunday games, asking the good people to awaken public sentiment against Sunday games, and to enforce the law. These letters have met with hearty sympathy in every case. In one city, at least, the game was stopped by simply presenting the law to the Mayor, a Roman Catholic, who saw that it was enforced. The Good Citizenship Committee of the Society of Christian Endeavor in Rev. Mr. Goodspeed's church has sent circulars far and wide, asking the co-operation of good people in defending the Lord's Day. They say, "We are in this movement to stay; and we hope for your assistance to renew the fight against the desecration of the Lord's day, until the evil is abated." With these circulars they have sent out a vigorous article on Sunday base-ball, reprinted from the "Golden Rule." This Committee is receiving letters from the South and the West, and even from Australia, asking for information. They tell us that public sentiment in behalf of the Lord's day is awakening everywhere.

The Christian Endeavor Union of Worcester has entered into an earnest movement to enforce the Sunday law in that city. They have the co-operation of the Chief of Police, who has engaged to close the saloons and to carry out the spirit of the Sunday law. This movement has been heartily endorsed by the ministerial League of Worcester.

An interesting movement has been in progress in Fall River, with the purpose to limit Sunday excursions on the steamers which run from that city. A year ago the steamboats running from Fall River to Providence passed from the ownership of parties who had always refused to do business on Sunday to other parties, who announced that they should use them for Sunday excursions. The Commissioners of Police at Fall River forbade the running of the boats for Sunday excursions. An appeal was taken to the Railroad Commissioners of the State. The Ministerial Association of Fall River, the Sabbath Protective League of that city, and the New England Sabbath Protective League were represented by counsel at the hearing, which was in Boston in June. People from several other cities united in a remonstrance against the Sunday excursions. Two steamboat companies were also represented by counsel. The hearing lasted several days. As the result, the Commissioners forbade the running of excursion steamboats on Sunday. They permitted the regular boats to make two round trips a day, between Fall River and Providence, charging the usual fares, calling at the regular landings, but not calling at the summer resorts in the bay. No liquor was to be sold on board the

steamers on Sunday. This was a substantial victory for the friends of the Lord's day. The companies obeyed the mandate of the Commissioners. Another steamer, however, continued to make excursion trips on Sunday. The Police Commissioners brought the owners into court, and they were fined for breaking the law. They appealed to the Superior Court, but the decision of the lower court was sustained, and the fine was paid.

But at the State election, in November, following these proceedings, the attorney for one of the steamboat companies was elected a member of the General Court, and afterwards became a member of the Judiciary Committee. Through his influence, it is believed, a bill was introduced, designed to remove the restrictions upon steamboat excursions on Sunday. The Protective League of Fall River remonstrated against this measure, and this remonstrance was seconded by various other parties. The bill has been modified in some respects, but it still favors Sunday excursions, and makes it more difficult to shut out such as are especially demoralizing.

These are specimens of the movements that have been made in various towns and cities to limit the desecration of the Lord's day.

The New England Sabbath Protective League, of which Senator Hoar is the President, and Rev. Dr. Kneeland the Secretary, is already an efficient and useful organization, although it has existed, in its present form, only two years. It includes persons from all denominations of Christians, and it covers the six New England States. It is the purpose of the directors to conduct the League in such a manner that it shall deserve the confidence of the friends of the Lord's day. They are avoiding extreme measures, and are following out the "Statement of Principles" which has been so often published, They hope to make it the organ of the friends of the Sabbath, in the great contest which is before us against those who are seeking to secularize the day.

Although the field of the League includes all New England, Dr. Kneeland has spoken, during the last year, in more than fifty churches in the State. He has also conducted a number of conventions in the interest of Sunday observance. Some of the directors have offeredto speak in behalf of the Lord's day, during the week, where their services are desired. It is very encouraging to report that the treasury of the League has been abundantly supplied with funds during this very trying year.

Besides this "Campaign of Education," which it is proposed to extend very much next year, the League has assisted in many instances in the enforcement of Sunday laws. In a number of cases it has only been needful for the secretary to call the attention of the officers of corporations to the fact that they were violating the law, and they have at once given directions to their men to comply with the law of the State. In some notable instances those who had violated the law have been prosecuted and fined. The Courts have uniformly sustained the law, and the Police Commissioners and other officials have done their part to enforce it. Dr. Kneeland has also been in communication with the various organizations of laboring men, and has been of great assistance to them in

securing their right to a weekly rest. "In a number of instances," he states in his annual report, "illegal and unnecessary labor on the Lord's day has been forbiden. A large number of stores opened, or doing secretly some kind of work on Sunday, have been closed. The distinction between licensed victuallers and illegal shops has been carefully drawn." The photographers, the bakers, some of those employed in factories, and on the streets of cities, have complained that they were required to do unnecessary work on Sunday. Dr. Kneeland has assisted these men in their efforts to secure a weekly rest day.

One of the prophetic facts in respect to the movement to protect the Lord's day is this: the workingmen of the country are, for the most part, opposed to Sunday labor. The American Federation of Labor insists that there is no necessity for Sunday work. The various orders of railroad men, including the conductors and engineers, and other classes of the most intelligent men, have declared that the largest part of the Sunday work done on railways is unnecessary work.

No great progress has been made in Massachusetts this year in respect to legislation in the interest of the Lord's day. A number of bills have been brought before the Legislature through the efforts of the friends of the Sabbath. These bills have been supported by committees of this General Association, of the Evangelical Alliance of Boston and vicinity, of the Boston Congregational Club, of the New England Sabbath League, and other religious bodies, and by a large number of practical men, merchants and lawyers and ministers, and by some of the officials of the State. They have also been supported by the representatives of the labor unions. The opposition to these bills has come chiefly from rich and powerful corporations which have a pecuniary interest in prosecuting their business on the Lord's day. In some instances, the officers of these corporations have been able to bring forward a considerable number of their employees who have testified that it would not be for their interest to enact such laws. On the other hand, the great masses of organized laboring men ask for protection against the corporations which require them to work seven days in the week.

An examination of the Acts passed by our Legislature within the last twenty years, including the present year, will show that, *in every instance but one, the changes in the Sunday laws have been such as to relax their strictness.* Some of these changes may have been wise and necessary. But of the tendency in our Legislature to relax the strictness of the Sunday laws there is no doubt among those of us who have had occasion to urge before the committees at the State House the passage of laws to prohibit theatrical exhibitions on the Lord's day, and to limit the power of corporations to require their workmen to work for them on that day.

When the bill to prohibit theatrical exhibitions on the Lord's day was introduced two years ago, it was supported by a large number of petitions, coming from almost every town and city in the State, from churches of all denominations, from schools and colleges, from many thousands of men and women. These petitions showed that the public sentiment of

Massachusetts was decidedly unfavorable to Sunday theatres. These petitions secured the passage of the law, in spite of the efforts of those who had a pecuniary interest in Sunday exhibitions. In every other instance, within these recent years, in which the friends of the weekly rest day have asked for legislation, we have been overborne by the influence of those who have a pecuniary interest in making men work for them seven days in the week. This experience shows that it is worse than useless to attempt to secure legislation at our State House in favor of the Lord's day, unless we can present such an array of petitions as will show that the citizens of the old Bay State really desire the legislation proposed.

The friends of the Lord's day may not be aware of the immense pecuniary interests that have grown up within a few years, that are crowding upon the day of rest and worship. It is in respect to the Sunday question, just as it is in respect to the business of gambling and selling liquor. Those who would secure a reform find themselves confronted by combinations of men who are making money out of the weaknesses and the vices of their neighbors. Some of our railroad corporations, some of the steamboat companies, some of the street railways, nearly all the Sunday newspapers, most of the theatres, the people who furnish carriages and bicycles, those who make money from Sunday base-ball games, — these and many other classes of people, are always ready to do what they can to remove the restraints that hinder them from coining money on the Lord's Day. These people are loud in their complaints against the "blue laws." When the friends of the Sabbath try to make a stand against these rich and powerful combinations, we are in their sight but as grasshoppers. The time is near at hand when those who represent these interests will attempt to wipe out from our statute books what still remain of the Sunday laws of our fathers.

On the other hand, WHATEVER THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS REALLY DESIRE, THEY WILL HAVE. Our people are still, on the whole, a Sabbath-keeping people. They do not want the French or the German Sabbath in New England. There are many business men and business corporations that favor the observance of the Lord's day. On the whole, the larger number of those who represent the capital and the active business interests of this State, are on the side of the Sabbath reform, as they are on the side of other moral reforms. Some of the proprietors of theatres, many of the largest stockholders in railways and steamers and factories, are the friends of the Christian Sabbath. It is not necessary that the desecration of the Lord's day should continue. If our ministers and churches were as much in earnest in this matter as some of the Societies of Christian Endeavor, these evil tendencies would be arrested in a single year. The Sunday theatres, and Sunday saloons, and Sunday base-ball games, and bicycle runs, and excursions, exist because the natural defenders of the Lord's day have been indifferent and negligent, while those who are growing rich by trampling on the law of God *have been vigorous, and alert, and cunning.*

A great deal has been gained in recent years in respect to the observ-

ance of the Lord's day. The tide is turning. It is not as common as it was to hear people deny the divine authority of the day. More and more, every year, this divine authority is set forth. The consciences of young Christians have been quickened, and the future of the church is with young Christians. The organizations already exist for carrying forward the movement in behalf of God's day of rest. It is becoming clear that the most important subject now before the churches is this matter of Sunday observance. For unless we can stem the tide of Sunday desecration, and secure for the people, in these hamlets, and villages, and cities, its restful quiet, its opportunities for religious instruction and meditation and worship, our people will become less intelligent and less devout, our churches will have smaller congregations, and the good seed will fall among thorns, and in stony places, and on the hard travelled way, — the Spirit of God will be quenched, and the enemies of Zion will triumph.

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The Divine Authority for the Observance of the Lord's Day.

Whether morality can be maintained apart from religion has long been a favorite theme for debate. Whatever may be true concerning the relations of doctrine and life in personal morality, it seems to be demonstrated that no moral institution can be maintained without a firm basis of doctrine. The history of the Christian Sabbath furnishes an instructive illustration. Whenever its divine authority has been clearly and consistently taught its observance has been general. But uncertainty of doctrine has invariably resulted in laxity of practice.

The misuse of the Lord's Day is one of the ominous signs of the times. It summons every student of social forces and every lover of the Kingdom of God to serious thought. And its cause will be found not chiefly in our changed social conditions — though they are not without great influence; nor in the degenerate moral character of this generation — we are not so much worse than our fathers; but in the uncertain and contradictory teaching concerning the authority for its observance. The Roman Catholic bases it upon the commandment of the church. The

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same power may, therefore, annul or repeal the law, or modify its requirements. A single Sunday in Spain or Mexico will demonstrate to any one that ecclesiastical authority fails to preserve the Lord's Day. Among Protestants there is no unity of doctrine. The majority, perhaps, assert in some form the divine authority for the observance of the day. Certain sects zealously proclaim the eternal validity of the Fourth Commandment, including the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath.

At the other extreme stand those who teach that the whole Mosaic law was made obsolete by the coming of Christ, and who appeal to the example of the apostolic church as the authority for our observance of Sunday. And between these extremes are a great company who maintain that while the ceremonial law has been abrogated, the moral law has never been repealed, and that the essential elements of the Jewish Sabbath have been transferred to the Lord's Day. Many, in despair of securing agreement, have abandoned all appeal to divine authority, and base the maintenance of the day solely upon utility. The health of the individual and the welfare of society, say they, demand the weekly day of rest and worship. This is doubtless true. But the average man wilfully violates the laws of health daily. Regard for his own welfare and that of the community will hardly restrain him from so doing weekly. Physicians are notoriously negligent of their own rules of hygiene. We can hardly expect other men to be more observant of nature's laws. The law must have some more potent sanction. Hence arises the appeal to the authority of the State, not to maintain the religious observance of the day, but to preserve it for rest, and to protect the quiet of those who wish to worship. In this appeal all good citizens of all creeds and no creed may certainly unite. The authority of the Decalogue, the weight of apostolic example, the authority of the church, the authority of nature, and the authority of the State are thus appealed to by different classes. It would seem at first strange that an institution supported by so many and varied sources of authority should ever be dishonored. But the very division is a source of weakness. Amid such diversity of opinion, the pulpit is generally silent upon this theme, where formerly it spoke with no uncertain tone. The public mind is confused and distracted. Even earnest Christians are forming habits of travel, entertainment, and amusement which would have been incredible a generation ago. Meanwhile, greed and pleasure are more and more claiming the day as their own, while labor stands ready, with foot on threshold, to push in behind them. Already more than two millions of our fellow citizens work upon the day of rest. We are repeating the experience of other lands and learning that the rest day for all cannot be maintained, even with the help of the civil power, unless its observance is based upon divine authority. "If the Sabbath comes to us with no authority but that of the Church Fathers, or the Reformers, or even the Puritans," says Dr. Crafts, "it will be as little regarded as other rules from the same sources; as little kept as a Massachusetts 'Fast Day.'" *What, then, are the grounds for maintaining such divine authority for the observance of the Lord's Day?*

I.

The Sabbath is as old as man. Its appointment antedates human history. As far as we can penetrate into the shadowy days of the past we find indications of its observance. The Hebrews had it ages before the law was given from Sinai. It was not unknown to other ancient peoples. The Decalogue did not create moral distinctions. Stealing was stealing when Rachel carried off her father's images. Murder was murder in the days of Cain. No legislation can change fundamental moral law. Not only is it true that moral law is eternal, and independent of specific enactments — the "*vera lex, recta ratio . . . constans sempiterna*," of which Cicero dreamed, and whose seat Hooker declared to be the bosom of God — but it is equally important to observe that every law in the Decalogue had for ages been recognized among men as of binding authority. The Fourth Commandment is no exception. We affirm the sanctity of marriage, because it is not a human invention but was ordained of God from the beginning. Jesus Himself bases it upon this ground. (Matt. xix. 4, 5.) And when we find this institution of the Sabbath at the very origin of society, and are expressly told that it is of divine appointment; when we hear Our Lord declaring that it was made *for* man, and not, therefore, *by* him, there would seem to be as little room to question the divine authority for one institution as for the other. And it is not without significance that the purity of family life is so rarely maintained in a land without the Sabbath. The two institutions stand or fall together. It was not entirely insular prejudice that led Matthew Arnold to say of France, "a nation without a Sabbath and a home without virtue cannot be atoned for by platitudes."

II.

The Law of Sabbath observance was included in the Decalogue. This is the divinely given constitution of a chosen people. It is a "model constitution." What Jehovah deemed absolutely fundamental in human society, He incorporated into these laws. The Hebrew was to be the world's moral and spiritual schoolmaster. Here was his primer. That the lesson has not been unheeded is evident, since this code has formed the basis of all subsequent jurisprudence. But just as the moral law existed before the Decalogue so it remains forever unchanged. This particular and positive enactment, with all that pertained to it as a national law for the Jews, belongs to the constitutional history of the chosen people. But its essential principle abides unchanged. One of our poets has taught us that

"The Ten Commandments will not budge"

to suit the varying standards of successive generations. Shylock asks, in the famous play, "Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer, as a Christian is?" (Merchant

of Venice: Act iii. Scene 1.) And we may well ask — Hath not a Christian the same physical, moral, and spiritual needs as a Jew? If Jehovah deemed a Sabbath rest imperatively necessary for one, why should we imagine the other superior to such obligation?

III.

The Law of Sabbath observance is written in the constitution of man. It is engraved in tables of flesh, as well as on tables of stone. Attempts to ignore or evade it have been disastrous, whether individuals or nations have made the experiment. It has been the peculiar glory of our century that it has discovered so many natural forces hitherto hidden and has codified their laws. "The reign of law" has been its watchword, and wondrous indeed have been its illustrations. There would seem to be no need to argue with this generation that the divine law is imperative wherever written, in the body as well as in the Book. We recognize the eternal validity of the moral law because of its adaptation to human nature. Its appeal is not alone, nor chiefly, to external authority. Its authority is the authority of truth, commending it to every man's conscience in the sight of God. Strange indeed would it be, if there had somehow crept into such a code as the Decalogue, expressing the fundamental principles upon which society rests, *one* accidental, local, and temporary decree, embodying no enduring principle, and which humanity might with impunity ignore! No! The law of weekly rest and worship is written on human nature, with a pen of iron and the point of a diamond, and woe to the man or nation that presumes to declare its repeal!

IV.

Jesus and His apostles reaffirmed the law of weekly rest and worship, while they freed it from Jewish limitations. It is frequently argued that the Fourth Commandment, together with the promises of blessing to those observing it and warnings to those who neglect it, with which the Old Testament abounds, is without significance for us, because the law was done away with in Christ. The scope of this paper forbids a discussion of this question at length. But it may serve our present purpose to indicate briefly some valid reasons for asserting the continued obligation of the law of weekly rest and worship.

a. Jesus expressly affirmed that He came not to destroy the law but to fulfil it. He illustrated His meaning by new interpretations of the law forbidding murder, the law against adultery, etc. Instead of annulling them, He made them far more solemn and more stringent. The spirit was substituted for the letter.

In like manner His apostles affirmed the validity of the moral law. "The law is good," declares Paul. Moreover, the separate commands of the Decalogue are renewed in the New Testament, without their local and temporary limitations. To the Jews the command to honor parents was accompanied by the promise of long life in Canaan. Paul reiterates the command, and makes the promise one of universal application. The old law against idolatry is made to apply to the idols of the heart, and "cov-

etousness, which is idolatry" is expressly defined as its most dangerous form. In a similar manner, other laws are reaffirmed. Now, when we have definite and deliberate statements affirming the authority of the moral law as a whole, and when we have separate commandments thus reiterated, it is fair to assume that the principle of the Fourth Commandment is also thus reaffirmed, unless we find it definitely repealed.

b. We do not find any such repeal. The burden of proof rests with those who assert it. Even so careful scholars as Dr. R. W. Dale and Dr. Washington Gladden make the assertion without giving the proof. Dr. Dale seems to teach that the famous words of Christ, "The Sabbath was made for man," mean "for the Jewish man." But he has the almost unanimous verdict of New Testament scholars against him. Dr. Gladden says, "One of the Ten Commandments was, as it seems to me, distinctly repealed by Our Lord," but he does not offer any proof of his statement. (The Church and the Kingdom, p. 51.) That Jesus reached the crisis of His conflict with the Pharisees in His assertion of His Lordship of the Sabbath and His abolition of their abuses of the day is undeniable. But that the deliverance of the day from bondage was the abolition of the commandment no more follows than that His deeper interpretation of the law of purity abrogated the Seventh Commandment.

c. But Jesus did free the law from its Jewish fetters. He treated the Fourth Commandment just as He did the rest of the Decalogue, rescuing it from the bondage of the letter and interpreting and enforcing its spiritual authority. Any code of law, even the Ten Commandments, must be a very imperfect expression of the Divine will. It will have its local and temporal limitations. Framed in general terms, it cannot exactly meet every case. Written in imperfect human speech, it cannot adequately express the perfect will of God. "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." The mistake of the Pharisees was in making the commandments the complete and final expression of the divine will. Jesus came into conflict with them upon an occasion when their literal interpretation of the sabbatic law would defeat its loving purpose, and deny the mercy of God in which it had its origin. He indignantly swept away the traditional interpretation which denied the very essence of the law. He found the day a burden: He made it once more a delight. But in so doing He reaffirmed its obligation and established it upon the broadest possible basis. The Sabbath was made for man, — for all men and for the whole man, — body, mind, and spirit. It is God's gift to His children. It is founded on human need and established in divine love. All who accept the authority of the Lord of the Sabbath must admit the force of such a declaration of the permanent obligation of the day of rest and worship. As the followers of Jesus Christ we are free from the bondage of the law. We are Christians and not Jews. For us His example is imperative, His word the final authority. Our observance of the Lord's Day as the Christian Sabbath must be based upon His authority; the methods of our observance must be determined by New Testament standards.

V.

The observance of the Lord's Day as the Christian Sabbath rests upon the authority of Christ and His apostles.

It must be admitted that we have no definite statute requiring the religious observance of the first day. It is also unquestioned that the earliest Christians, who were formerly Jews, retained the observance of the Sabbath, together with the rest of the Mosaic law. Paul tells James that the Jewish converts "are all zealous of the law." But when the Jewish rites were imposed upon Gentile Christians the principle of Christian liberty was vindicated, and Christianity forever laid aside the outgrown garments of Judaism. The language of Paul in Rom. xiv., Col. ii., and Gal. iv. refers to this attempt to compel Gentiles to observe the Jewish Sabbath. He asserts their freedom in terms so strong that they are frequently misinterpreted, without regard to context or occasion, and made the basis of denial of obligation to observe any day of rest and worship. We may even go farther and admit that the Christian ideal makes all time equally hallowed and all places equally sacred. John saw in his vision a city without a temple in which a Sabbath of loving service and highest worship is perpetual. Yet we have not ceased to consecrate churches and to seek "help from the sanctuary." The absence of definite command need not surprise us, nor the gradual growth of the institution confuse our minds. The Lord's Day is no less divinely instituted because its observance was a natural growth, and not established by decree from a new Sinai. Prof. Smyth says with no less truth than eloquence: "The revelations of God's will in act and history are no less authoritative than specific commands. A principle which commands our reason is no less sacred and imperative than a statute. The Resurrection of Jesus was a divine act of commanding significance to the ancient church, and should be so to us. It may well be the foundation of a commemmorative observance no less obligatory than that required in the Decalogue. Redemption is a higher revelation of God than Nature."

Christ set his seal of approval upon the day by His Resurrection; His repeated appearances to His disciples, making their meetings on that day memorable and prophetic; and by the gift of the Spirit, calling into being the Christian Church, whose weekly commemoration of His Resurrection has never ceased. We do not know what instructions regarding the organization of the church He gave to His disciples during the forty days. But we do know that under the direct guidance of their risen Lord they directed the formation of its customs and institutions, and that, with their sanction and approval, the observance of the Lord's Day early arose and was universally accepted. The Mosaic method of institution cannot be more authoritative than the Christian. Sinai is not greater than Olivet, the tablet of the law more imperative than the seal of the Spirit. The obligations of Christian liberty are not less but greater than those of Jewish statute. Listen to the inspired caution of the Epistle of the Hebrews: "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment . . . shall he be

thought worthy who hath trodden under foot the Son of God?" He who is Lord of the Sabbath has guided His church in the institution of the Lord's Day of rest and of worship. As of permanent value to man, He has asserted its perpetual obligation. Than this, what authority can be higher?

There are three divine revelations, — in nature, history, and the written Word. I have but briefly and imperfectly glanced at two, in their bearing upon this theme. Did not time forbid, I would be glad to adduce the authority of history. I think it is Joseph Cook who has asked us to outline on the map of the world the lands where civil and religious liberty obtain, and then to mark upon a similar map the lands where the Christian Sabbath is best observed. Laying the two maps one upon the other, the two outlines are almost identical. The seal of the divine blessing has been set upon the observance of the Christian Sabbath. The ancient promises to Israel for their fidelity to the Jewish law are still fulfilled in spirit to those who recognize the wider obligation. Wherever, then, we see the handwriting of God, in the Word of His grace, in the Old Testament and the New, in the constitution of man and upon the broad pages of history, we see His affirmation of the obligation of the day of rest and worship. God forbid that we should deny or weaken its authority, and fail to inherit the blessings of the obedient.

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The theme given me for my paper of twenty minutes in length is, "The Duty of Ministers, Churches and Sunday schools in Respect to Teaching Sunday Observance." The utmost condensation is necessary.

I.

First, I should say that our duty is to get ourselves intelligently right on the subject. From the beginning of the Bible records to the end we find references to days of work and a day of rest. Supposing we aggregate all the passages of Scripture bearing upon our theme; we are not only surprised at their number, but at their practical seriousness. References to this institution are found *prior* to the Mosaic period, *during* the Mosaic period, *after* the Mosaic period, specially in the reformation times of Nehemiah, and with an increased emphasis in the writings of the noblest and most spiritual of the prophets, as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, and Hosea. When we pass over into the New Testament we find the words and customs of our Lord and his Apostles continuing and freshly illuminating the institution which has been in existence from the dawn-

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ings of history, as far as the records which have come to us through Hebrew sources are evidence.

In order to our being sufficiently informed to be of service to others in helping them to attain to intelligent views on this subject, we must ourselves have the *historical sense*.

Whenever we find an institution appearing and reappearing in the long reaches of history, like a river flowing through a landscape, a glimpse of which the traveller gets only now and again on his journeying, the inference that it has continuity and perpetuity is just. This river of the water of life flowing through the ages, contrary to what many persons seem to think, is a *broadening and deepening stream*.

In the Hebrew records the most emphatic words on its importance to the reformation and purifying of *national* life are in Nehemiah and Isaiah. Not in Moses, but in the evangelical prophet Isaiah, do we find that the Sabbath was *a sign* of God's covenant, and that its exaltation or demoralization would be the barometer of national prosperity and adversity. When we come into the *New Testament regions* we find our Lord and his Apostles in perpetual warfare with Pharisaism and Sadduceeism, even as we have to be in perpetual warfare with *Superstition* and *Rationalism*. The Law and the Prophets had been superseded by the *traditions* of men. The Scriptures had been written all over and obscured by Talmudic literature and had become a kind of palimpsest. If we forget this, if we forget that Jesus was not in conflict with a true Hebraism, but with that Pharisaism and Sadduceeism which over-rode and misrepresented the true, it will be the easiest thing in the world to misinterpret the utterances of Jesus and the Apostles bearing upon our theme. I contend that on the part of some who have quoted our Lord's recorded words, "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath,"—conveniently forgetting what follows, "therefore the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath,"—there has been most unintelligent and unwarrantable misinterpretation. These words *universalize* the Sabbath institution. They take it from under the control of Pharisees and Sadducees, and give it to humanity. But they also assert most emphatically Christ's lordship over it. He claimed lordship over man and over everything necessary to the affirming and making effective of that lordship. In order that we may realize the lordship of Christ (*i. e.*, the sovereignty of God) over our human life, a Sabbath is necessary in which *man is man simply*, and owes as man, in virtue of his relationship to God, an allegiance which can be given to none other. The Sabbath institution is a sign and symbol of this. *Moreover, if we would be intelligently right on this theme, something else has to be clearly apprehended.* Not only the eternal fact of the Divine sovereignty which, once lost out of our teaching and preaching, leaves us strengthless and without authority, — not only must that be there, — something else must be there; something else which will relieve us from the unscientific attitude in which they are found who get the Sabbath law out of the Mosaic decalogue, by abolishing (virtually, if not in fact) the whole decalogue. Our Lord's words, "Think not that I am come to

destroy the law and the prophets; I came not to destroy but to fulfil," are founded upon that which we all must recognize, — the absolute unrepealableness of any law which is moral, any law representing that which is permanent in the nature of God and in the necessities of the constitution of man.

The Mosaic decalogue contains ten laws, which recognize ten principles of moral relation between God and man, and man and man. They are founded in the nature of God and of man. In the fourth commandment are the laws of work and of rest. It is a moral law: it has relation to every other moral law. A complete moral manhood demands co-ordination with these principles of righteous interrelation between God and man and man and man. As well talk of abolishing the law of gravitation as abolishing laws that are essentially moral. Moreover, there is a *morality towards God* as well as towards man. The first part of the decalogue recognizes this morality towards God as the first part of the Lord's Prayer recognizes it. To *get ourselves intelligently right on these recognitions* is necessary before we can be of any service in helping others.

There is no doubt that among ministers and churches and Sunday schools a condition has arisen which is far from being morally and spiritually robust and healthy. The *indifference* in regard to the right and wrong of things is but the sign of a lowered spiritual vitality. Our churches are full of kindly feeling and amiable disposition. Whether we have or have not attained to that genuine Divine charity "which suffereth long and is kind," we have any number of "charities." But amiable people are sometimes the weakest and least effective people in the world. Christian love is not simply amiability. A religious life which acts simply from feeling and not from *conviction* can never be relied upon. It will fail us when most we need it. The conduct of too many of our Christian people in regard to the Sabbath institution, its preservation in dignity and power as something superior and apart, — when everything that is noblest and best in our nature shall come to the front, *that conduct* does not commend itself as being informed by intelligence, controlled by an enlightened conscience, and animated by that quality of love to God and man of which St. Paul speaks so glowingly as of all conditions the most beautiful and manlike. When we have *got ourselves intelligently right on this subject*, so as to be able to speak and teach "with authority and not as the scribes," it will then appear in what sense and how truly in all ages, as saith the prophet, the Sabbath has been *a sign* between God and his people, — a sign of allegiance, a sign of the Divine presence with the people, a sign of national moralization, a sign for a completed redemption under the new, as it was a sign of a completed deliverance under the old, dispensation.

II.

These ideas are built on the historical facts of the Old Testament; they are also in accord with the facts of the Christian history. Gradually under Christian influences, as was to be expected, the Christian Lord's

Day became the rest day of the Church. This is in accord with the idea that the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath, and that henceforth its deepest ground would be a redemption accomplished in the "fulness of time," but ordained before the foundation of the world.* In being associated with Christ and his deliverance of man, the Lord's Day has *universal* significance and application. It associates itself with those *humane instincts* which are the raw material in our nature of the higher Christian life. Intelligent and conscientious Sabbath observance thus becomes an element in our *loyalty to Christ* and in our love to our fellowmen, many of whom are dehumanized, demoralized, and enslaved by corporate powers in which no conscience has seemingly been developed.

As we search into history A. D., as into history B. C., we shall find that the sacred history in our Old Testament records helps wondrously to interpret the history of national life in all times and everywhere. In Christian times and among Christian people the Sabbath has still been a sign between God and man. In the degree of Sabbath observance has been the degree of enterprise, intelligence, and virtue, and especially among the working classes. Take the populations of these countries: New England, Old England (including Scotland and Wales), the north of Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, and in these very regions where the Sabbath has been most truly a Lord's day, there has been most markedly everything which makes manhood respected and respectable.

The first and most important thing for us ministers, churches, and Sunday-school teachers to do is to get ourselves sufficiently informed on the subject. We shall then see that to *despiritualize* man is to demoralize him. We shall come to the conclusion that the insertion of the law for Sabbath rest in that Mosaic decalogue, which from its first word to its last is moral, was no accident. Gradually we shall arrive at the conviction that spirituality and morality are so united that they are in their relation as soul and body. It will not take us long to arrive at the conclusion that the Sabbath institution has a relation to the welfare of man as man which we have never sufficiently estimated. We shall not be inclined to use it as the Pharisees would use it or as the Sadducees. These are types of men which belong to all generations. In our days the Pharisees are generally ecclesiastical and other people who think that they can set aside God's laws and substitute their own. The Sadducees generally edit newspapers. "Time was," says one, "when it was a disgraceful thing

* As it appears in the Mosaic Records: The Sabbath institution speaks of emancipation from slavish toil, of deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Even in Mosaism the idea associated with it is redemption. But this redemption has always associated itself with that other and wider redemption which belongs to the human race. The Lord's Day is to us commemorative of that. The Lamb slain is the symbol of it. But the Lamb slain was, in the Divine purpose, slain from before the foundation of the world. What wonder, then, that all through the history which is to reach this fact there should be glimpses of the institution which was to commemorate the deliverance of man from all slavery, temporal and spiritual!

to sit in the seat of the scorner, but now half our newspapers are edited by men who occupy that seat."

Ministers, teachers in our Sunday schools, and especially our young people, need to recognize that there are certain things which *go together*. God hath joined them together; man cannot put them asunder except at a cost which will appear when it is too late. Spiritualization and moralization go together. The divine origin of the Lord's day and the divine origin of the church go together. When Voltaire said, "If you would defeat the church attack the Sabbath," he knew what he was saying. When Renan exclaimed, "*Le Christianisme est mort, il a perdu son Dimanche*," he was a long way from the truth, but he taught us what we need to learn, that the Sabbath institution is of more value than any of us assume. *Injudicious* and *fanatical* advocacy of the Sabbath on Jewish lines of simple fasting and abstention will do us no good. We cannot dictate to *individuals;* we cannot enter *family* life and try to rule it. We are *outside* all *personal* responsibility except our own. We have no rights of judgment in any *family* except that to which we belong. But we are IN the city, IN the State, and we are to be IN the city and in the State as light and as salt. If we are Christian churches we are in the city and in the State to *illuminate* and preserve from corruption. We believe that wherever the Christian Sabbath exists in influence and power it exists as "light" and as "salt."

The reaction from the old infelicities of a partially ripe Puritanism has been excessive. A ripe Puritanism, like a ripe Gravenstein pippin, has a fine, delicious flavor. It is half-ripe Puritanism which is unpalatable. In our church life we have had days and years of nervous hesitation, of timid reserve, of gentlemanly deference, of half apologetic presentation of truth, a condition "of bated breath and whispering humbleness." We knew not to what the new learning, the new criticism, the new science, the new philosophy, would carry us. We know now. Some of the enemies' guns we have captured and turned against themselves. We are beginning an era of new affirmations. We have no need to apologize for our existence or our Bible, or its beneficent institutions. But, we have to build more determinedly and intelligently than ever upon the rock of Divine Sovereignty, the spirituality of humanity, the rights of man as spiritual, the moral infallibility of Christ, — his sole Lordship over man and over every institution whose existence is necessitated by the spirituality of man's nature. Vigorous life in the Church is proved necessary to uprightness of life in the State, and the Sabbath institution has been proved necessary to vigorous life in the Church. It is the most humane of all institutions. Its humaneness proves its divineness. In the admirable report of the New York Sabbath Committee are these words: "The future of the Lord's Day must depend largely on the attitude taken by the Christian ministry in relation to this question. They mould very largely the religious sentiment of the community, and it is on public sentiment which is to so controlling a degree that of the Christian people of the land, that, under God, the permanence of our American habit of Sunday keeping depends."

III.

I would venture to recommend by way of practical application of these suggestions that every Sunday-school library and every pastor's library (if I may be so bold) have in it that volume of Sabbath Essays published by our Congregational Publishing Society. It is a treasure house of facts and arguments on every side of this question.

I would add also the propriety of every minister devoting, at least once in the year, a sermon to this theme. I mean, not an *ex tempore* effusion, emotional and hortatory, but a good, old-fashioned, well-wrought-out, intelligent, scholarly, logical New England sermon, one that has weight as well as length; a well-fed, properly nurtured, full-grown sermon with iron and blood in it; and be sure not to preach it the week after you have somewhat recovered from an attack of grippe.

I would add that one Sunday a year should in the Sunday school be devoted to this theme as a lesson, and that to that lesson as much time and care should be given as the importance of the subject demands. And, lastly, I ask the question whether this Association might not prepare and issue, with the authority of a united vote of commendation behind it, for young people especially, a nineteenth century Christianized exposition of the principles which underlie this subject, and of the conduct which best accords with such principles?

Now I have done. But by way of postscript I would add that if all the churches in the State would unite themselves with the New England Sabbath Protective League and give it such support as is necessary, though the heads of the State set themselves and the politicians take counsel together against the Lordship of Christ over the Sabbath, with King Grog and King Mammon in the lobby, yet there is good hope that we may yet once more set the rightful King upon this holy hill of Zion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE WIDER CIRCULATION OF RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.[1]

The Committee upon the Wider Circulation of Religious Literature, will occupy but a few moments of your time, as it has described the nature and possibilities of its work, in previous annual reports to the Association.

Special attention is called to the full report submitted at the ninety-third annual meeting of this body held in 1895. In that report will be found an ample statement of the reasons of this Christian undertaking, by which an effort has been put forth to make sure that good books, magazines and papers did not perish after their first reading. The report referred to was adopted by this Association, and printed in the minutes of that year. The work thus undertaken has been continued by your committee. Last autumn a printed letter was sent to each Congregational minister in Massa-

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chusetts, in which were set forth the facts, — that vast quantities of good literature never passed beyond their first use, while at the same time there are needy homes in every community, needy fields in the South, Southwest and West, and along our New England Coast. The circular appealed to the pastors to gather up helpful books and other publications, — supply the wants of their own parishes, and forward any material left over, to the members of this Committee, who would undertake to forward it to destitute places. Christian Endeavor Societies were asked to cooperate by maintaining exchange tables in the vestibule of the churches, where the people might deposit what they could spare, and find what they desired.

The response to this circular letter has been kind, cordial, and helpful. The committee has received fervent thanks from many would-be givers for providing a method by which they could bestow their gifts.

A conviction has been established in many minds that it is not right to store up in cellar, closet, and attic the rapidly accumulating mass of good publications, while sailors, pioneers, mountain-whites, and negroes are so sadly destitute.

The conscience of many Christian people has also been awakened, and old convictions upon this matter have been roused and made to bear fruit. In this way there has been set in motion a quiet but steady current of private generosity, which has blessed many needy places.

In addition, probably twenty thousand publications have been sent to your committee, which have been forwarded to a goodly number of local institutions, to the sailors, light-houses, and life-saving stations along the Maine coast, to the colored school at Knoxville, Tenn., and especially, to Berea College, Kentucky. The Harrow school, at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., has also been assisted by gifts sent by earnest Christian Endeavorers.

Most appreciative and grateful letters have come to your committee from the recipients of these gifts. The committee feels that if those who have given periodicals could but read these epistles of thanksgiving, and still more, if they could know the amount of good which their gifts have done, they would greatly increase their efforts in the years to come to give of their abundance, in order that nowhere in our great country should there be any lack of religious reading matter.

The expenses of printing and forwarding the circulars sent out by the committee amounted to $14.55, which sum has been paid by the treasurer of the Association.

During the year one member of the committee, Rev. W. Walker Jubb, has been unable to co-operate, because of the change of his place of residence to England.

We recommend that the work carried on thus far should be continued by this organization by the appointment of a committee to serve during the coming year.

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REPORT ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

The "Committee on Presenting Resolutions of Sympathy to Labor Organizations," continued from last year, organized with Deacon James G. Buttrick for chairman, and Rev. Jesse H. Jones as secretary. No commission having been given it, the committee had to map out a line of work for itself. Judging from the specific service assigned it at the time of its original appointment in 1895 at Lynn, we inferred that you were expecting its labors should be a ministry of blessing to the same toiling classes, namely: the employees of steam and electric railroads. Upon looking the ground over, we concluded that we could render these men no greater service than to obtain for them one rest-day in seven. We soon discovered that this great blessing could be secured by legislation alone. We accordingly bent our energies to accomplish this result.

If we were to come before the Legislature, we felt that we needed a stronger backing than this Association, which represented only the Congregational churches of the Commonwealth. We therefore invited the New England Sabbath Protective League, which includes all denominations in its constituency, including our Catholic brethren, to join forces with us, and later the American Federation of Labor. The League appointed Rev. M. D. Kneeland, and Bro. Geo. E. McNeill, a recognized leader in labor circles, to unite with the chairman, and Bro. John H. Kilby of this committee, to act as a "joint committee" to superintend the work.

This joint committee first prepared a bill to introduce to the Legislature, which read as follows: –

AN ACT TO BETTER SECURE A REST-DAY FOR WORKING PEOPLE.

SECT. 1. No County, Town, City, municipal or other corporation, organized, located, or doing business in the Commonwealth, and no official, agent, or servant of such corporation, or of the Commonwealth, shall directly or indirectly cause or allow any person to perform labor, either under contract or otherwise, for such corporation or the Commonwealth, more than six days in a week.

SECT. 2. Any corporation or person violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each violation.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1897.

A circular-letter, explaining the origin and character of our movement, and incorporating the bill, was mailed to every clergyman within the

limits of the State, both Protestant and Catholic. Two requests were also made in it, namely: —

1. That each minister would personally see his representative and explain our effort, and, if possible, secure his support of the bill.

2. To obtain signatures to the petition we enclosed, and forward the same to his representative.

The records at the State House show that only seventy-two petitions, representing some two thousand six hundred petitioners, were received there, and these came from less than one sixth of the three hundred and fifty-two cities and towns of the Commonwealth. In our circular-letter, we also asked the ministers to write articles in favor of the bill, to be published in the local press of their respective neighborhoods, which request we know was followed in a few cases.

Your committee visited the Boston Ministers' meetings of several denominations holding them, and personally saw leading officials in denominations not holding them, and in this way support of the bill was secured along the denominational lines of our Methodist, Episcopalian, Baptist, Unitarian, Free Baptist, Universalist, Presbyterian, and Adventist brethren and also of the Boston W. C. T. Union.

A member of this joint committee, morever, attended the annual meeting of the American Federation of Labor, held last December at Cincinnati, Ohio, and there secured the endorsement of our bill by a vote of that body, thus gaining the support of all the local Labor Unions in the State.

The editors of both the religious and secular press in Boston were interviewed, and all of the former, with one exception, and some of the latter, promised that they would co-oporate with us.

In due time the bill was introduced into the Legislature by Rev. Charles P. Mills, a member of the House from Newburyport, and it was referred to the judiciary committee. That committee gave us several hearings, the larger part of the time being occupied by the remonstrants. Our cause was ably presented by Rev. Doctors Plumb, Little, Allbright, Kneeland, Hon. S. B. Capen, Hon. S. C. Darling, Geo. E. McNeill, John H. Colby, Mrs. Susan S. Fessenden, President of the Boston W. C. T. U., J. F. O'Sullivan, one of the editors of the Boston Globe, and others. Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, and Charles E. Adams, President of the State Board of Trade, were both present a part of the time, and were ready to speak in favor of our bill had opportunity occurred. It was said at the close of the hearing that the presentation of our case was made with exceptional strength and effectiveness. But our labor was in vain, so far as immediate results are concerned, for the judiciary committee reported on our petition "leave to withdraw." The reason for reporting thus, we understand, was the opposition to the bill of certain railroads and some of their employees.

The joint committee personally interviewed quite a number of the corporations that would be affected by this legislation, both manufacturing and railroad, steam and electric. Without an exception the admission

was made that the principle upon which the bill was based, namely: man's need of a rest-day in seven, is a correct one. Superintendents of electric railroads further admitted that it was practical. A former superintendent of one of its largest divisions told us that he could operate the whole West End Road in conformity to the law without difficulty by a re-adjustment of its schedules of running time. The extra expense to the road would be but a trifle. Another superintendent told us that it would not affect the dividends of his road to live up to the law. So, then, we see that the warfare we have been waging has, in the last analysis, been the physical and moral welfare of the employees vs. the selfishness of the corporations.

In verification of what was said in our report last year concerning the discontent of the West End employees, on account of excessive hours and Sunday labor, your committee may mention the unfortunate strike of these laborers in the midst of the Christmas holidays. A committee was appointed by these men at their meeting in Faneuil Hall to confer with the West End company, and if possible, to remedy their grievances. Robert Treat Paine, Esq., Ex-Congressman McEttrick, and one member of this Association's committee, Rev. Dr. Allbright, consented to do what they could in this difficult situation. Indirectly their labors accomplished very much to restore the harmony which is now manifest in the return of nearly all the men to their places, and in the increased efficiency of the service.

Before closing this report we feel that we must introduce one witness whose testimony has a direct bearing upon the matter in hand. We refer to Hon. John E. Sanford, chairman of the Railroad Commissioners. He was invited to appear before this same judiciary committee on one of the days we were there, at a hearing given certain parties who wanted the Sunday law so changed as to allow them to run excursion boats from Fall River on the Lord's Day. Mr. Sanford said that while he believed every man had a right to observe the Lord's day in any manner he saw fit, he did not think it was right to compel ten men to work on that day in order that ten other men might enjoy themselves. He thought something ought to be said in behalf of the fifty thousand railroad employees of the Commonwealth. These men had as much right to their Sunday as any others. Referring to the action of the Board some time ago prohibiting the running of Sunday trains to Newport, he said: "After that decision of the Board I was surprised at the demonstration of thanks which was received from railroad employees. I knew many of these employees whom I meet on my daily rides on the trains; they are honest, hard-working men, and they are good citizens and gentlemen. Many a gray-haired conductor and many young men came to me after that decision, and expressed their gratification at the decision which would prevent their being obliged to work on Sunday. They said they felt that the decision of the Board was the best thing ever done for the railroad employees of the Commonwealth."

There is quite a contrast, surely, between this testimony and that

introduced by interested parties at our own hearing where some of the "bosses" of a remonstrating railway told the Judiciary Committee that they were there to protest against the proposed legislation, on behalf of themselves and others of their brethren. They said that they wanted to work seven days a week, and being happy and contented as they were wished to be let alone. To be sure these "bosses" admitted that their efforts to secure signatures from the employees of the road to their remonstrance were prompted by the receipt of a "letter from the office" calling their attention to the matter. Moreover, they gave their testimony with the "general manager" of their road sitting in front of them. How strange that there should be such a discrepancy between Railroad Commissioner Sanford's employees, and the employees of this general manager! Which, think you, is the most trustworthy testimony? The members of your committee have their opinion.

JAS. G. BUTTRICK, *chairman.*
REV. JESSE H. JONES, *secretary.*

THE CHURCH AND SECULAR SOCIETIES.[1]

ADDRESS OF REV. CHARLES PERRY MILLS.

The address of Mr. Mills, which was unwritten, is reproduced in outline. He said: —

"The Church and Secular Societies" is a subject on which it is easier to thunder than to lighten. This address is conceived in devotion to the church, not in antagonism to secular societies. If they fade from view under the line of argument to be developed, it will be as stars recede before the light of day; stars can sometimes be seen, however, during daylight, and some secular societies may remain even when the Church shines in splendor. What there is of good in secular societies is the fruit of our common Christianity; and they exist, producing good, because the church has vacated so much of its office. If we can make our church life more nearly coincident with our Christian life, the church will forestall the reason or necessity of secular societies.

I. Our first endeavor must be to fashion the idea of the church. It rests upon four pillars, all of which are unique.

(1) It is divine in its origin. It is the church of the living God. His purpose produced it, his Spirit impresses it, his power will consummate it. Secular societies grow out of human instincts, begotten of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, and they move to the level of earthly purposes. Though they may trace their lineage back to Zerubbabel or to Solomon, they begin short of the beginning and are not comparable with the church whose birthplace is in the will of God.

(2) The church is spiritual in its aim, primarily and ultimately. This is not a denial that its aim includes the humanitarian, or that it employs material agencies and accomplishes material results; but its aim rises from humanity's base to the crown of all life, and its loftiest reach is spiritual. It ministers to the body as the habitation of the Holy Spirit, and it serves the soul as the master of the body. This is not true of secular societies. They are social clubs, the substance of whose life is in their fraternity. Their religious rituals, elaborate and impressive though they may be, are only incidental to their existence and purpose, and are not to be ranked with the rites and ordinances of God's holy church. At its best, a secular society is a human fraternity; at the church's best, its fraternity is human and divine.

(3) The church is universal in its sympathy. This is true as respects time, place, and condition. Secular societies are restrictive, commercial, selfish. The disinterested benevolence of the church toward all sorts and

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conditions of men is not the same thing as sick benefits to the members of a guild who have paid their dues. There is some difference yet in morals between benevolence and business. A church is not a savings bank paying dividends to depositors, nor an insurance company to provide annuities for policy-holders. Secular societies are these, with certain social appurtenances and occasional benevolences, but they are not intrinsic benevolence organized to answer the cry of the human.

(4) The church is eternal in its duration. It began with God's earliest residence in the human heart; it has continued through changing dispensations; it will grow towards a finality as a habitation of God in the spirit and society of men under celestial conditions. Secular societies, beginning short of the beginning, end short of the end. They are destined for an epitaph, like kings and empires.

> "Oh, where are kings and empires now,
> Of old that went and came?
> But, Lord, thy church is praying yet,
> A thousand years the same."

II. Our second endeavor must be to practically and efficiently embody in each local church the idea of the church.

The church is supreme among all merely human organizations, not a competitor among them; but it must not remain an ideal in the air, an apex in vision, without a base of reality among men in their present human needs. Take our bearings from Christ incarnate. He combines the real and the ideal, the practical and the spiritual. He was the healer of diseases and the forgiver of sins, the feeder of the body and the teacher of the mind, the divine humanitarian and the humanitarian divine. By his miracles, parables, and deeds he ministered to men, all of them; to man, all of him. He was a spiritual church in the flesh, an institution in motion, going about doing good. Take our bearings, also, from the church nearest Christ. It was born of the Spirit and ministered to the body; it ministered to the body and directed its prayer to the Spirit. It had all things common and appointed officers to distribute bread to widows. By the logic of supreme pattern and example, the argument is with the institutional church, make it more institutional; with the open church, make it more open; with the free church, make it more free. It will be vain to endeavor to wean men who are members of secular societies. We must capture a new generation of men; and to effect the capture we must generate a new church. Until the church comes back to humanity and feeds the hungry and sits at the bedside of the sick, the secular societies in that regard must take the place of the church; but a church that is Christian with Christ's spirit and example, that is apostolic with the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, will win men to its Lord, will wield them for his work, and will weld them into a society of saints.

Grandest, costliest, richest cathedral ever erected by Christian devotion to our divine Lord is Sancta Sophia, at Constantinople; yet to the traveller it is a disappointment on the exterior, because there is no point of view

where it can be seen in its majestic form and grandeur, so closely is it pressed on every side by various buttresses, booths, baths, shops, stalls, tombs and bazaars. Even so is the church in modern city life pressed by surrounding secular societies.

In imagination sweep them back, and build the church once again on ample area where it will stand in its true majesty and supremacy before the rapturous and unhindered vision of men, and the old devotion will be renewed and costliest offerings will be brought from all secular societies as tributes to the church, as the richest treasures from pagan temples in Europe, Asia, and Africa were brought to adorn the shrine of Constantine.

Entering within the interior of Sancta Sophia, in the tympanum over the central gate you behold a process that speaks the full recovery of Christ to his church. Upon their conquest of that cathedral the Mohammedans covered all the Christian insignia with various devices; but the pigment is wearing away, and there to your adoring view reappears from the shadows the outstanding figure of Christ, the cruciferous nimbus upon his head, seated upon a throne, the right hand extended in benediction and the left pointing to the open gospel, which says, "My peace I give unto you. I am the light of the world." All of which points to the two-fold call which we must heed, whether you call it the recovery of the old or the conquest of the new: first, the church must outwardly stand supreme among men, founded and pillared on its own ground; secondly, the church must inwardly shine with the supernal light of the enthroned Christ, who is the eternal peace of its own sweet society.

THE CHURCH AND SPIRITUAL POWER.[1]

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT MERRILL EDWARDS GATES, LL. D.

Few men of our generation have known life more widely, or tasted its flavors more fully, than did James Russell Lowell. In a letter to a friend, written not many years ago, he said in substance: "As we grow old, two things, and only two, retain the sweet freshness which they had for us when we were young — the utterances of the great poets, and the return of spring." We are met at a time of the year when the flooding life force in the arteries of Mother Earth is testing every organic growth which has or seems to have a root. "Are you alive?" says the surging force which now impels all living things to put forth growth and blossoms. "If you are not dead you must grow," says this compelling power of life which is transforming the face of nature. The "Master of Those Who Know," the Great Teacher whose words are life, has bidden us "consider the lilies of the field *how* they grow," and we need not fear to learn lessons from nature. Let us not lose the great lesson which the burgeoning, blossoming springtime with its flood-tide of life should teach us.

The supreme question for us is, *Are we alive?* How fully are we alive? Is the tide of life in us so strong that by our deeds and words we impart life to others? This is the time of year when we look to see blossoms, leaves, and new growths on the tree, if it has roots well down in the soil. And if the Christians who make up the Congregational churches of our Massachusetts Association are rooted and grounded in God, there will be constant evidence of growth and life in our churches.

CHRIST DAILY TOUCHES HUMAN LIFE.

To know the meaning of life is a great achievement. To the true understanding of life, history and biology are both necessary — the study of history, to discover tendencies and true proportions; and biology, the study of life itself, for actualities, for facts that throb with present life. We need to know what has been, what our predecessors have thought and done, that we may understand the stream of tendencies in which we find ourselves; and we need to study actually living forms, and to be in touch with human life as it now is, in order that we may know that we have the power, each for himself, by intelligence and will, to modify and control these tendencies. We need the historic Christian church, and we need to know its history. We need still more the closest and most loving sense of the social life and the great social needs of our own time and of

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our own community. The God we worship speaks with authority to every man in the secret chamber of his own consciousness. But when our God was made manifest in the flesh, he was found amid throngs of men, profoundly touched with sympathy for the needs of the multitude, not holding himself aloof to commune with his Father. He rose early in the morning to strengthen his soul by communion with God, but we find his days spent uniformly in the midst of pressing throngs of busy, toiling, suffering, sinful men and women, no one of whom he ever sent away unkindly. When that Eternal Word, which in the unmeasured ages of eternity was God with God, became clothed upon with flesh and took his favorite name, the Son of Man, how constantly we find him touched by the outstretched hand of the sinful and suffering, and walking early and late among masses of men to give to them the healing, uplifting power of God.

THE HISTORIC CHRIST A PROFOUND SOCIOLOGICAL FACT.

We need, for spiritual power in our churches, the knowledge of a historic Christ. God was made manifest in the flesh. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, "else is our preaching vain and your faith is also vain." (1 Cor. xv. 14.) The scholarly investigation of the written records, even the would-be destructive criticism of the last forty years, has resulted in giving to us, more firmly established than ever before, the record of the historic Christ, and of a Christ who has dwelt among men by his spirit, since the Day of Pentecost. The history of the Church of Crist is of profound interest. Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he has lived, and still lives his life upon the earth in the new nature of the members of the true church of Christ. The triumphant emergence of the historic figure of Jesus Christ, Son of Man, and manifest Son of God, from out the clouds of metaphysical objections to his deity, and the dust of criticism as to his place in history, which for a time withheld the eyes of some that they could not discern him, is the sublime outcome of the last thirty years of study and controversy. This new assurance that Jesus Christ has lived and still lives is the most profound sociological fact of this closing decade of the century. The deity of Jesus Christ was never so generally and so reverently recognized as it is to-day, the world over. The would-be destructive criticism of the last decades, and the comparative study of other systems of religion for these last five years, have made pre-eminent the moral supremacy of the life and the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. As the selfishly ambitious conquerors, who have grasped at dominion in past centuries, dwindle to petty proportions under the clearer moral light which permeates the study of the past and gives hope to the social life of the present, the one figure that dominates history is the figure of our Saviour and our King. And the church of the living Christ shall prevail.

THE HISTORIC CHURCH, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH.

There is a mighty power for us of the church of Christ to-day, in this clearer historic consciousness of the great work which has actually been accomplished in the history of the race by the church of the risen Christ.

We come to see that the church has been the great moral antiseptic which has preserved the race from decay, from vicious degeneration and spiritual atrophy. And we come to distinguish clearly in our thinking between the outward, the formal church, the organization which has claimed the princely purple thrones, the lordly possessions, the temporal powers and statistical and numerical glories, on the one hand, and on the other, the true church universal, invisible, spiritual, which has been under the direct sway of the Spirit of God who is the Spirit of Life, and whether rich or poor, whether itself in temporal power or under persecution by temporal powers, has been marked by the spirit of Jesus Christ, has lived by the life of Jesus Christ, has uttered lovingly to others the words of Jesus Christ, and through all these twenty centuries, in peace and in persecution, has been the body of Christ, the true temple of the Holy Ghost. "We believe in the Holy Catholic Church" of all Christian denominations. "We believe in the communion of saints," and we are met here for the sake of such communion and in joy of such communion, that by closer union with Christ, and closer communion with those who love Christ, we may make that life more richly known to our fellow men.

OUR THEME IS LIFE IN THE PRESENT.

But our theme is not life in the past, but life in the present. As the student of biology turns from tracing in a block of stone the form of what was once a living organism, to study the living tissue and the developing life-power of the plants and animals about him, so we turn from the history of the church in the past to the life of the church of Christ in our own land to-day.

Every organism is a witness to life, either to life in the past, in which case it is a fossil, or to life in the present, in which case it is a living thing. Every social organization is a witness to the existence of life, either in the past or in the present. Every *living* organization is a witness to present life. But there are social organizations, once instinct with life, but now mere shadows — moribund survivals — almost lifeless or quite dead. You have taken in your hand delicate structures whose nice proportions and perfectly adapted parts were manifestly designed to perform all the functions of life. The fossil structure bears witness to life which once existed. The fossil is always pathetic because it is the trace of what was once alive. It speaks eloquently but sadly of life that has departed from it forever.

THE TEST OF LIFE.

What is the biologic test of the presence of life-power in an organism? As living tissue, does it make conquests of matter which was not alive? Is the organism adding to itself by drawing in substance from without? Does it make new growth in which the same life appears "after its kind"? That wonderful first chapter of Genesis, in which grave and simple sentences carry the thought with majestic strides through the creative and developing ages, formulating God's law in creation, gives us

the subtle law which the biologist now discerns in evolution, — the tendency of every living organism (modified by environment) to produce others "after its kind."

The church is more than an organization. Wherever a church is the church of the living Christ, that church is a living organism. The divine life of the Son of God is in it, perpetuates it, and sends it on in its work of conquest to produce other Christians and other churches "after its kind." From the history of the last twenty centuries there rolls out to our ears, as the kaleidoscopic changes of migration and conquest pass before our eyes, this great biologic hymn: —

> "Oh where are kings and empires now,
> Of old that went and came?
> But, Lord, thy church is praying yet
> A thousand years the same."

The church is pre-eminently the life-force in the world. Christ is the Source of life, and the church is the living organism through which Christ pours spiritual life into the race. The church that is alive makes conquests over death, not only in the individual lives of its own members, but in the world about it, by laying hold of those who are outside the "bundle of life" and bringing them into living touch with God in the living church. The church which does not make converts to Christianity is not a living church. The individual Christian who is not bringing others to Christ has no evidence that he is himself in Christ. "He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit," says the Master of Life. "I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." If the life of Christ is in us, that life will bear in us the fruit which it bore in him. "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." — 1 Tim. i. 13. "As thou hast sent me into the world," said our Lord Jesus Christ, when he prayed for those who should believe on him through the words of his disciples, "even so have I also sent them into the world." — John xvii. 18. If Christ was sent into the world to save sinners, those who have the life of Christ in them are sent into the world, as he was sent, to seek and to save the lost.

SEEKING THE LOST.

This seeking for the lost is the heart-beat of the life of Christ. The church that has not this throbbing pulse of tender, eager desire to save men has not the life of Christ. No other test is so constantly held up before us throughout the Gospels and the teaching of the churches in the Epistles. The supreme danger of the Congregational churches of Christ in the State of Massachusetts is that we do not make steady aggressive growth in winning men, women, and children to Christ.

It is not more of denominationalism that is needed. It is more *love for the souls of men* that is needed. We need a truer philanthropy. How awful is the comment upon the life and the ideals of the church of Christ,

when we attempt to separate the word philanthropy — love of our fellow-men — from Christianity. Was there ever one who loved his fellow men as Jesus Christ loved them? Did he for a moment forget to care for the weary, plague-stricken body, or for the nurture of little children, or for the feeding of the hungry, or fail in sympathy with the homeless ones, — he who had not where to lay his head? But his words are life, because he never attempted to secure the best results by confining efforts to the lowest lines. Loving supremely the souls of men, the Great Physician cared for their bodies. Himself the fountain of life for the spirit, and health for the soul, the touch of his human hand of flesh and blood gave healing to the human body, while his words gave life to the soul. True Christianity is the highest philanthropy. And the source of the renovating stream of life in the church is, the love of God — the love of God for man, and the answering love of men for God which it awakens. The love of men by their fellow men is the result, the fruit, the proof, of the love of God.

THE MAN WHO LOVES GOD MUST LOVE HIS FELLOW MEN.

The supreme evidence of the love of Christians for their fellow men is the great truth that no man can truly love God without loving his fellow-men. The solidarity of the race, as the world is beginning at last to apprehend it, finds its significance and the prophecy of its ultimate triumph realized in that Fatherhood of God which alone gives meaning to the brotherhood of men. "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments." "For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world" — the proof of divine life in a man or in an organization, "Who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater." "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in HIM." "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

When our churches fail to lay hold of the world about them for Christ, is it not because their members are not *laid hold upon* by the consciousness of the love of Christ?

CHRISTIANITY IS THE TRUEST PHILANTHROPY.

We may have entire confidence, when we look at the life and the example of Christ, that nothing which elevates and blesses the body, the mind, or the soul is foreign to the work of Christ. More powerful with every added month of life is the appeal to my heart and to yours, which comes from the simple record in the Gospels of the deeds and the words of Christ. How all-comprehensive his work for men! What phase of philanthropic effort can possibly be thought of as foreign to the Christian? When Paul, who had seen more clearly than any other (unless we except that beloved disciple who leaned upon the breast of Jesus) the meaning of the words and deeds of our Lord, in his letter of thanks to the beloved brethren at Philippi for their gift to him, seeks to give them, in quick re-

view, the graces which a follower of Christ should put on, — you remember that when he has named joy, moderation, freedom from anxious care, prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving, he lifts his head with the quick exultant vision of the thought that *all perfection* everywhere is a precious manifestation of the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and as if he would say, "Do not count yourself to have achieved until you have put on *all* that belongs to the character of Christ, he cries out, "Finally, brethren, *whatsoever things are true*, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Phil. iv : 8).

There is no fear that the Christian church to do its best work will need to go outside the circle of Christian graces and Christian effort; but if it is to do its work, the church must never forget that *spiritual life* by union with Christ is the beginning and the end of all possible blessings for every man.

THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTIANITY IS THE VISION OF CHRIST. THIS GIVES POWER.

The essence of Christianity is spiritual force. The *fruits* of Christianity are shown in intellectual and physical and material blessings. But the power of the Church, that power by which it overcomes the world, lies in its *spiritual vision* — in its reception of that life of Jesus Christ which is the Light of the World. "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

Fruitage *in the life* is what the churches desire. Fruitage *in the life* is what the world demands of the Church. *Fruitage in the life* is what Christ promises to those who abide in him. And the connection between a richly fruitful life, and *belief of the heart*, is an absolutely vital connection. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Nothing can exceed the clearness of this teaching running all through the Bible. It is the knowledge of God in Christ which is life eternal; and this eternal life already given to those who believe in Christ, already triumphing over the temptations, the hindrances, and discouragements of the temporal life, — this *eternal life* is the spiritual power of the church of Christ. It comes by seeing and knowing God in Christ.

The measure of this spiritual power in our churches is not their numbers, although we long and pray to have their membership increased. The measure of this power is not found in the money resources of our churches, although we long and pray for that sanctified sense of stewardship on the part of every Christian which shall make him consciously hold in trust for the work of Jesus Christ all the material resources which God has entrusted to him. The spiritual power of our churches *is* measured by the *reality*, the *loving certainty* of their *vision of God in Jesus Christ*. In proportion as the members of our churches one by one see and know the risen Christ day by day, in that proportion (and in no higher proportion) will the life of our churches be a power in the community in which they are placed.

The Judge of all the world, at the judgment day, will test men, Christians and all, by the divine test, *Did you believe in me?* but the belief in question will be no mere formal subscription to a formulated creed. It will be that grasp of the mind and the heart upon a *Person*, the divine Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, which is the mightiest motive in shaping the life. What is essential in this belief may be put into forms of human words; but that does not make it a formality. No force which works among men is so mighty as the force of a loving belief in a noble person cherished in the heart. No force in the history of the world has been so potent as the divine force *of belief in the Lord Jesus Christ* as the *Son of God* and the Redeemer of men. And he tells us that his test at the judgment seat will be this: "If you professed to believe and to know me, yet did not do my works, I never knew you and you never knew me."

There can be no true belief in Christ without works of mercy and of blessing toward men. And if we would multiply the works of mercy and of blessing among men, let us seek to multiply the number of those whose lives are laid hold upon by that supreme power, the love of God in Christ.

Life-power and moral truth are the mightiest forces in the universe. In Christian character these two forces are united. God is life and truth; God-likeness, worked out in life, is character. Into Christian character has entered "the omnipotence of a principle," the vital breath of Christ himself; and the almightiness of God is pledged to make Christian character, which is vitalized truth, the mightiest power which sways the life of men.

The essential question, in determining the spiritual power of our churches, then, is the question of their conscious, living union with a risen and living Christ.

HAS THE EMPHASIS UPON THE HISTORIC CHRIST MADE LESS VIVID THE PRESENT CHRIST?

For these last decades, the thought and the study which have been focussed upon the Bible have gone largely along the lines of the investigation of historic facts and of human authorship as indicated by the literary characteristics of the books of the Bible. Has it ever seemed to you, as it has to me, that the trend of these currents of study and criticism tends to lead the thought of Christians too constantly *toward the past?* After all, what is the value of the Bible to us of to-day? It has no value whatever, unless through it we *see the face of our Heavenly Father*, and know that that face is even now turning toward us in forgiveness and love, yet with supremely holy commands. The highest use, the essential value of the Bible for us, is that through it we may to-day and every day see the face of the living Christ, our King. William Tindale, who first gave to the men of our English race the precious words of the New Testament in our mother tongue in 1525, and for this great gift was strangled and burned, has left to those who came after him, in these gracious words, his idea of the use to which we should put that Bible for

which he was ready to die that he might make it easily accessible: "The Scriptures spring out of God and flow unto Christ and were given to lead us to Christ. Thou must therefore go along by the Scripture as by a line, until thou come to Christ who is the way's end and resting place."

But how, if the thought and study which centre upon the Bible, stopping short of the vision of God, not seeking to reach the "way's end," concern itself chiefly with the *length of the way*, with the construction of the part of the road which is to be travelled? How if discussions center upon the probable age of certain parts of the work, and the number of the workmen who were busied in constructing this pathway which should lead the soul to God? It is not strange that multitudes stop short of Christ, who is the way's end.

MEN'S HUNGER FOR A LIVING GOD IS SHOWN IN STRANGE FORMS.

There is a hunger in the heart of men for union with their Father, God. The restlessness that prompts to sin and attends upon *sin* is the negative side of this hunger of the soul. There is a very true sense in which Jesus Christ is the "desire of the nations," although they know it not. Multitudes inside our churches and multitudes without the pale of church membership have this vague desire to be now and daily in touch with the living God. The turning toward a superficial theosophy, which seeks to conceal its shallowness by the pretence of mysterious depths, is evidence of this longing of the Zeit-geist, not for a knowledge of a mystic God so much as for the *immediate knowledge of a God now living*. The emphasis which recent study has placed on *the historic Christ* has often tended to crowd Christ back to a place in ancient history.

> "*So long* since thou wast here, that to our seeming
> Thou art like some fair vision seen in dreaming.
> With glare and glow and turmoil, sigh and shout,
> The world rolls on and seems to bar thee out."

Men and women who feel the stress of this perpetual obtrusion of the historic and the critical method into views of Bible truth long for a religion which gives the sense of immediate and present contact with the Father of our spirits. No one can study the life of our cities, noting the restless turning toward the cult of the so-called Christian Scientists, and toward the vague hope of satisfaction in those shapeless theories of mysticism which have kept the social and religious life of India amorphous and hopeless, — no one can note these tendencies in our city life, I say, without becoming aware of the fact that the unshepherded multitudes are restless because they do not hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. Inside our churches and outside our churches, men long for the spirit and the living voice of the living God. As they weary of the historic and critical discussions, they feel disposed to say with Whittier, —

> "We may not climb the heavenly steeps
> To bring the Lord Christ down;
> In vain we search the lowest deeps,
> For him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has yet its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of the seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again."

THE HOLY SPIRIT WITNESSING TO THE LIVING CHRIST.

This blessed truth of the immanence of the spiritual life of Christ in the church of to-day is the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus himself said to his disciples that it was better for them that he should go away in order that the Comforter might come, he promised to us who had not seen him in the flesh a blessing richer than his bodily presence with us, — the presence of the Holy Spirit, whose office it is to make of the things of Christ and show them to us, thus making him more vividly present to each member of his church than he could possibly be were he limited to presence at one place in his bodily form.

The truth is, my Christian brethren, that we have too long worshipped *a dead Christ*. The cross of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. But it is this power precisely because it is the cross of *the risen Christ*. As soon as the Spirit of God had descended to dwell upon earth in the church of Christ, it was the power of the risen and ever living Savior who gave his life for its conversion, and did the work of sanctification upon the lives of the believers. Read again the Acts of the Apostles and the teaching given to the churches by the Holy Spirit in the Epistles, and see how uniformly the stress of the preaching passes straight beyond the cross and the tomb to the resurrection and the power of the risen and glorified Christ. "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth," our risen Lord declared before he left his disciples; and from that day to this, his church has had spiritual power in proportion as it has seen and rejoiced in the risen and all-powerful Saviour. It is the supreme office of the Holy Spirit, in this the dispensation of the Spirit, to bring the hearts of Christians under the power of an "all-conquering companionship" with the risen, all-powerful Saviour.

THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES TO THE LIVING GOD.

If our knowledge of God were limited exclusively to the use of the historic method which should confine all that we can receive and know of God, to the intellectual apprehension of what is conveyed in the books of the Bible, we should indeed be poorer than we are. The right use of those books lies in bringing us one by one to the open vision. Abiding in Christ, we are conscious of daily communion with the living God. The hunger of our spirits is met by his daily answers to prayer, by his hourly impartation to us of the life that is in Christ. All that the soul hungers after in mysticism is given to us in this spiritual union with Christ. And more is given. The supreme value of the Bible lies in this fact, that

it reveals to the soul the way to God, and when that way has been followed and the soul has received life and is in communion with the Father of our spirits who is the Source of Life, we are not left to those vague ecstasies which have misled mystics in all ages. But what the spirit receives of the life of God is constantly tested and confirmed by the inspired record in the Word of God. We are not left to the roundabout way which must reach back twenty centuries through written records for communion with God. A direct line is given us from the court of Heaven to that audience chamber in every believing, loving heart where messages of life are hourly received and answered. "Lo, I am with you, all the days, even unto the end of the ages," says the risen Christ, and the spiritual power of our churches to-day lies in the freshness and joy with which this teaching is received into the hearts of loving members, one by one. In life, social and spiritual, a measureless force awaits our use. The vast, limitless force of the Holy Spirit of the living God is brooding above us within our reach, if we will receive it, — yes, pressing upon us with a solemn plea that we submit ourselves to the life and power of Christ, that we may be used of God to bless others. In his infinite love for men, God reached down to us in the messages of his Word, overweighing our human language with expressions of his love, until it fairly breaks down, surcharged with the burden of unutterable fatherly affection. And then in the fulness of time he took on our human life in Christ, and in the Eternal Word of God made flesh our Father lives his love into the life of man through the life of Christ, that we may be freed from fear and sin, and may come to the knowledge of God which is life eternal, and to the full stature of manhood in Christ Jesus.

And for all those good works which the world needs at the hands of the church of Christ, the power of the living God will fully equip our churches, if we who are members of Christ will receive, one by one, that power of the Spirit for the service of God in serving our fellow men, which is so freely offered us in Jesus Christ.

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Ministers Ordained or Installed:

Andrew W. Archibald, Porter ch., Brocktou, *i.*, April 22, 1897.
William A. Bartlett, Kirk st. ch., Lowell, *i.*, Nov. 30, 1896.
James M. Blue, United ch., Lawrence, *o.*, July 14, 1896.
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Raymond F. Calkins, First ch., Pittsfield, *o. asst. p.*, Oct. 20, 1896.
Andrew Campbell, Wood Mem. ch., Cambridgeport, *o.*, Sept. 24, 1896.
Samuel M. Cathcart, Third ch., Chelsea, o. *p.*, Dec. 1, 1896.
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Charles S. Holton, First ch., Newbury, *i.*, May 11, 1897.
Carl J. Larson, *Scand.* ch., Woburn, *i.*, April 20, 1897.
Samuel L. Loomis, Union ch., Boston, *i.*, Nov. 18, 1896.
Frank L. Luce, Union ch., Taunton, *i.*, June 22, 1897.
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Andrew P. Nelson, *Swe.* ch., Lowell, *i.*, May 14, 1897.
Edwin L. Noble, Wendell ave. ch., Brockton, *i.*, June 1, 1897.
Charles Pease, Third ch., Chicopee, *o. p.*, Oct. 20, 1896.
Isaac Pierson, Union ch., Medford, *i.*, Oct. 28, 1896.
Robert L. Rae, Waldo ch., Brockton, *i.*, Sept. 15, 1896.
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John E. Tuttle, Union ch., Worcester, *i.*, Feb. 18, 1897.
John J. Walker, Yarmouth, *i.*, April 6, 1897.
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George A. Jackson, Swampscott, June 22, 1897.
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Isaac J. Lansing, Park st. ch., Boston, April 1, 1897.
Fritz E. Peterson, *Scand.* ch., Woburn, April 20, 1897.
Joseph Provost, *French* ch., Springfield, March 1, 1897.
Abram J. Quick, Union ch., Ludlow, April 28, 1897.
Henry S. Snyder, Williamsburg, April 27, 1897.
Mark B. Taylor, Canton, April 26, 1897.
William E. Todd, Broadway ch., Fall River, Dec. 18, 1896.
John E. Tuttle, College ch., Amherst, Nov. 23, 1896.

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Robert Crawford, *w. c.*, *Clinton, Ct.*, Oct. 26, 1896.
Henry P. Cutting, *a. p.*, Harwichport, Dec. 13, 1896.
Luther Farnham, *w. c.*, Boston, March 15, 1897.
Mark Gould, *w. c.*, Worcester, Aug. 7, 1896.
John L. Harris, *w. c.*, Everett, May 7, 1897.
Nehemiah Lincoln, *w. c.*, Campello, June 21, 1897.
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Leander Thompson, *w. c.*, Woburn, Oct. 18, 1896.
John W. Tolliver, *p.*, Springfield, May 24, 1897.
Joshua T. Tucker, *w. c.*, Dorchester, June 11, 1897.

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MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS.

Dates from the earliest times of the Colony. Annual business meeting in the court-room of the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston, at 5 P. M., on the last Wednesday in May. Sermon at 11 A. M., on the day following. At this service a collection is taken, which, with the income of the Convention fund, is distributed to the widows and daughters of deceased Congregational ministers.

Every minister of a Congregational church in Massachusetts (whether Trinitarian or Unitarian) is *ex officio* a member of the Convention.

There is a reporting committee of twenty-five, selected by counties throughout the State, by which recommendations are made to a central committee of seven, which decides on all applications for aid.

PERMANENT OFFICERS. — Rev. Benjamin F. Hamilton, Boston (Roxbury), *scribe*, and Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, *treasurer;* to either of whom applications for aid may be addressed.

MASSACHUSETTS CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated in 1786. Organized to hold the funds of the Convention. Composed of fifteen clergymen and fifteen laymen, elected from both branches of the Congregational body. Aids the widows and orphans of deceased Congregational clergymen who have died while holding the pastoral office in Massachusetts.

Alexander S. Wheeler, Boston, *president;* Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, *secretary;* Arthur Lincoln, Boston, *treasurer;* Rev. Edwin B. Webb, Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Rev. Alexander McKenzie, *committee on appropriations.*

Applications for aid should be made to Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, Mass.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP.

The special attention of the churches is called to the following RULE of the Association: —

V. MEMBERS. — Each Evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association its pastor and one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association.

This resolution was also adopted: —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that churches sending delegates to the Annual Meetings of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts shall be recommended to pay the expenses of the delegates whom they send.

A DELEGATE FROM EVERY CHURCH would give us a grand and inspiring meeting.

1897.

The Minutes are sent to the churches by direction of the General Association. It is requested that one copy annually be preserved with the records of each church, and that the remaining copies be distributed among the officers and members in the way most likely to promote an intelligent interest in the condition and prosperity of the churches.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1898.

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING,

GREENFIELD, MAY 17–19.

WITH THE STATISTICS.

BOSTON:
CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1898.

THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID.

This Board had its origin in action taken by the General Association of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts in 1868, and was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1869.

Caleb H. Warner, 48 Brewster Street, Cambridge, is now its president; Arthur G. Stanwood, Esq., 701 Sears Building, Boston, is treasurer, to whom all contributions should be sent.

Rev. Edward B. Palmer, Rev. Morton Dexter, and Rev. Charles B. Rice are the executive committee.

Applications for aid should be sent to Rev. Edward B. Palmer, at Room 9, Congregational House. A small contribution is greatly needed annually from each church. Donations are also solicited from individuals. Should any one desire to leave a legacy in aid of the benevolent work of this Board, the following form of bequest will be sufficient: —

I give and devise to the Board of Ministerial Aid, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, for the charitable uses and purposes of said Corporation, ...

No officer of this Board receives any compensation for his services. No other board, society, or organization in this Commonwealth contributes anything for the support of needy Congregational ministers. Our country gives large pensions to her needy soldiers. Why should not our churches give something for "the aid, support, and comfort of their aged, disabled, superannuated, or needy ministers," and of "the widows and children of such ministers"?

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COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1898-99.

Provisional committee. — Rev. A. B. Hudson, Rev. A. W. Archibald, George Keith, Dr. S. J. Grover, all of Brockton; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston.

Publishing committee. — Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston; J. W. Field, Dorchester; Henry D. Noyes, Hyde Park; F. P. Shumway, Melrose.

Auditing committee. — Charles E. Swett, Winchester; J. H. Tewksbury, Brookline; Rev. C. M. Southgate, Auburndale.

On Sunday observance. — Rev. Reuen Thomas, Brookline, Chairman; Rev. A. H. Plumb, Boston; Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, Springfield; Rev. John E. Tuttle, Worcester; Rev. Raymond F. Calkins, Pittsfield; Rev. Charles E. Harrington, Waltham; Rev. Smith Baker, East Boston; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, Salem; Rev. W. H. Woodwell, Sandwich; Rev. M. Angelo Dougherty, Cambridge.

On gambling. — Rev. C. M. Southgate, Auburndale; Rev. C. H. Hamlin, Easthampton; Arthur H. Wellman, Malden; S. Homer Woodbridge, Boston; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, Newton Centre; William Gallagher, South Braintree; Jonathan A. Lane, Boston; D. F. Hamilton, Greenfield.

On temperance. — Rev. Charles L. Morgan, Jamaica Plain; Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Boston; Rev. W. O. Conrad, Fitchburg; Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River; Charles A. Hopkins, Brookline; Z. W. Kemp, Springfield; Augustus R. Smith, Lee.

On labor organizations. — Rev. W. H. Allbright, Dorchester; Rev. Daniel Evans, East Weymouth; Rev. E. L. House, Attleboro; James G. Buttrick, Lowell; W. L. Spalding, Worcester; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, Wellesley Hills; Rev. F. W. Merrick, West Roxbury.

On the wider circulation of religious literature. — Rev. F. B. Makepeace, Springfield; Rev. W. E. Barton, Boston; Rev. H. C. Messerve, Springfield; Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, Greenfield; Rev. A. B. Bassett, Ware.

Members of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. — Thomas Todd, Concord; Rev. Elijah Horr, Brookline.

On the nomination of candidates for corporate membership of the American Board. — Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Worcester; Rev. George R. Hewitt, Fitchburg; Rev. L. S. Rowland, Lee; Charles L. Odell, Beverly; Edward F. Morris, Monson.

ON MINISTERIAL STANDING.

Rev. F. B. Makepeace, Springfield; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, Salem; Rev. Inman L. Wilcox, Worcester. Rev. A. E. Dunning and Rev. A. Z. Conrad may be added to the committee.

COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

Chairmen of Committees of Local Conferences. — Andover, Rev. E. W. Pride; Barnstable, Rev. Wm. C. Detling; Berkshire North, Rev. Alford B. Penniman; Berkshire South, Rev. Walter W. Curtis; Brookfield, Rev. ; Essex North, Rev. John N. Lowell; Essex South, Rev. T. Frank Waters; Franklin, Rev. Edward P. Butler; Hampden, Rev. Henry C. Messerve; Hampshire, Rev. Robert M. Woods; Hampshire East, Rev. George E. Fisher; Mendon, Rev. Rufus K. Harlow; Middlesex South, Rev. Edward H. Chandler; Middlesex Union, Rev. George A. Tewksbury; Norfolk, Rev. Robert R. Kendall; Old Colony, Rev. William Carruthers; Pilgrim, Rev. Zenas Crowell; Suffolk North, Rev. Albert Watson; Suffolk South, Rev. Wm. H. Bolster; Suffolk West, Rev. Parris T. Farwell; Taunton, Rev. Elwin L. House; Woburn, Rev. Isaac Pearson; Worcester Central, Rev. Thomas E. Babb; Worcester North, Rev. Davis Foster; Worcester South, Rev. John R. Thurston.

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Members at large until 1899. — Revs. A. W. Archibald, S. G. Barnes, John D. Kingsbury, and Geo. R. Hewett; Preston B. Keith, Brockton, and W. G. Harding, Pittsfield.

Until 1900. — Rev. Joshua Coit, Rev. George W. Winch, Rev. Harry L. Brickett, Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Rev. T. Clayton Welles, Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, Thomas Weston, William Woodward, E. F. Morris.

Until 1901. — Arthur E. Gray, Worcester; Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, Springfield; Rev. S. L. Loomis, Boston; Hon. Frederick Fosdick, Fitchburg; Rev. Charles F. Carter, Lexington; George A. Shaw, Middleboro; Rev. F. L. Bristol, Uxbridge.

Members ex officio. — Revs. Henry A. Hazen and Francis J. Marsh.

NOTICES FOR 1899.

Meeting of 1899. — Greenfield, Tuesday, May 16.

Expenses. — The treasurers of the conferences are requested to ask the churches to contribute, at the autumnal meetings, a sum equivalent to six and one quarter cents for each member, based upon the total membership of Jan. 1, 1898, and to forward the amount to William A. Paine, 52 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass. These amounts are needed promptly, and it is specially requested that all dues be paid before Jan. 1, 1899. The number of members in each church will be found in the statistics of the churches in this pamphlet.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

(Elected for Three Years Each.)

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, *secretary.*
From 1888. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Neponset, *assistant secretary.*
From 1895. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston, *registrar.*
From 1889. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. James W. Flagg, Foxboro, *assistant registrar.*
Elected 1897.

William A. Paine, Boston, *treasurer.*
Chosen 1891. Re-elected 1897.

BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

Room 22A Congregational House.

DIRECTORS.

		Term expires.
Herbert N. Ackerman	*West Medford.*	1900
Rev. Merle A. Breed	*Westboro.*	1901
Charles W. Carter	*Auburndale.*	1901
Rev. De Witt S. Clark	*Salem.*	1899
Rev. William H. Davis	*Newton.*	1901
Frank E. Hodgkins	*Somerville.*	1899
George E. Keith	*Campello.*	1900
Rev. Edward M. Noyes	*Newton Centre.*	1899
Henry H. Proctor	*Boston.*	1899
Rev. Edward A. Reed	*Holyoke.*	1900
Arthur M. Stone	*Worcester.*	1900
Rev. William M. Tenney	*N. Adams.*	1901

Rev. Charles B. Rice, *secretary,*

Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers, Boston.

RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. — This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT. — Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches ; promote spirituality, and to co-operate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS. — This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS. — Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS. — Each evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS. — 1. A secretary, an assistant secretary, a registrar, an assistant registrar, and a treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible. In case any of these offices become vacant between the annual meetings of the Association, the vacancy may be filled until the next following meeting by vote of the remaining officers.

2. A moderator shall be chosen by ballot from the members at each annual session who shall serve until his successor is chosen at the opening of the next annual session.

3. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of ministers and churches, and have charge

of the printing thereof ; distribute the publications of the Association and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association. He shall give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each session.

5. The treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Association. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. Annual Meeting. — The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of May, at two P. M. (or at some other more convenient hour), at such place as shall have been duly designated.

VIII. Home Missionary Society. — The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that society.

The two persons thus nominated shall be from the membership of the Association at the time, and shall not be eligible for nomination for more than two years in succession, and shall, if required, make report concerning the work of the society at the next meeting of the Association.

IX. Correspondence. — Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

X. Organization. — The moderator, or in his absence, the pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a moderator and the session shall be opened with prayer.

XI. Committees. — The following committees shall be chosen: —

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, which shall be appointed by the moderator immediately after the opening of the session, to which all certificates of membership shall be referred.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following and any other committees referred to them, except as hereinafter provided.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements for the session consisting of five, of whom two shall be from members of the Provisional Committee, to prepare the business of the session, and no business shall be introduced

but through the hands or with the approval of the committee; but if said committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Provisional Committee of five, of whom the secretary or registrar shall be one, to prepare the schedule for the next annual meeting, to select a preacher for the Associational sermon, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(5.) A Committee of Publication to consist of the secretary, registrar, treasurer, and two other persons to be appointed at the session, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association.

(6.) A Committee on the Work of the Churches, which shall make report to this body at the next annual session upon the work of the churches and state of religion. This Committee shall consist of the chairmen of the corresponding committees of local Conferences, the secretary, the registrar, and twenty-one members at large, — to be so classified that seven shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

(7.) A Committee to Audit the Accounts for the next annual meeting, which shall report the state of the treasury and the sum, in its opinion, necessary to be asked from the churches for the next ensuing year.

XII. Exercises. — The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of home evangelization, addresses, and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIII. Special Orders. — 1. At the opening of the session, on the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday, the moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the sessions of each day shall be closed with prayer or hymn.

2. The Associational sermon and Lord's Supper shall be assigned to Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association, or a part thereof, shall be given to the Mass. Home Missionary Society.

XIV. Place of Meeting. — Previous to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify the place of meeting for the next year; and the church of the place of meeting selected is requested to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the course of the service. The Lord's Supper shall be administered generally without remarks.

XV. Rules of Order. — The rules of order shall be those found in common parliamentary practice, subject, however, to the following specifications : —

1. That all reports of committees other than those named in Rule XI. shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the regular meeting, and furnished to the secretary on or before April 1st. They shall not be read at the meeting, but one hour of the session may be devoted to the discussion of these topics.

2. That no committee other than those named in Rule XI. shall be continued without a definite yearly vote of the Association, and no member of any special committee shall serve for more than two consecutive years without an enabling vote of the Association.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.

4. When a question is under debate, the moderator shall entertain motions only as follows, viz.: to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

XVI. Amendments. — 1. Any of the above rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of the action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposals in writing at the annual meeting next prior to that of action, and after notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences, and Churches, and by a two-thirds vote.

MINUTES.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts met for its ninety-sixth annual session with the Second church, Greenfield, Tuesday, May 17, 1898.

Organization. — At 2.30 p. m. the Association was called to order by Thomas Todd, of Concord, moderator. A quorum being found present, the Association proceeded to ballot for moderator for the ensuing year, and made choice of Rev. G. R. W. Scott, of Leominster. Prayer was offered by the moderator.

ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Adams,	Rev. Alford B. Penniman.
Agawam,	Rev. Walter Rice.
Amesbury, Main St.,	Rev. George L. Richmond.
Amherst, 1st,	William B. Jackson.
" College,	Wm. I. Fletcher.
" North,	Deacon Samuel E. Harrington.
Andover, South,	Miss H. Eliz'th Giddings, Rev. Frank R. Shipman.
" Ballardvale,	William Shaw.
" Seminary,	Rev. Cecil F. P. Bancroft.
Ashburnham, 1st,	C. H. Howard.
Ashfield,	Rev. Geo. H. Bailey, Dea. Frederick H. Smith.
Athol,	Dea. A. R. Tower.
Attleboro,	Rev. Edwin L. House.
Bedford,	Rev. Elihu Loomis.
Bernardston,	Rev. David H. Strong, Salmon B. Hoyt.
Beverly, Dane St.,	Rev. Francis J. Van Horn.
Boston, Berkeley Temple,	Dea. Hamilton S. Conant.
" Eliot, Roxbury,	Dea. Alpine McLean.
" W. Roxbury,	Hamilton I. Smith, Rev. Frank W. Merrick.
" Jamaica Plain,	Rev. Charles L. Morgan.
" Immanuel, Roxbury,	Rev. Charles H. Beale.
" Neponset,	Rev. Eugene C. Webster.
" Pilgrim, Dorchester,	Rev. Wm. H. Allbright, Mrs. Arthur Dempster.
" Highland Ave., Rox.,	Cornelius Vander Pyl.
" Central, Dorchester,	Rev. Perley B. Davis.
Braintree, 1st,	Rev. Josiah W. Kingsbury.
Bridgewater,	Rev. Elbert S. Porter.
Brockton, 1st,	Charles D. Brigham.
" South, Campello,	Archie H. Doten.
Brookline, Leyden,	Rev. Harris G. Hale.
Buckland,	Rev. Edw. A. Robinson, Dea. Sumner J. Ward.
Cambridge, 1st,	Dea. Charles W. Munroe.
" Prospect St.,	B. G. Pettee.
" North Ave.,	Rev. Elijah Horr.
" Pilgrim,	Dea. Edward Kendall.
Canton,	Rev. M. Angelo Dougherty.
Carlisle,	Rev. Lyman Mevis, H. Arthur Page.

Charlemont, 1st,	Dea John H. Smead, Rev. Wm. R. Joyslin.
" East,	David S. Thayer.
Chelsea, 1st,	Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Henry H. Stickney.
" Central,	Leonard A. Treat.
Concord,	Dea. Thomas Todd, Rev. George A. Tewksbury.
Danvers Centre,	Rev. Harry C. Adams, Rev. Charles B. Rice.
" Maple St.,	Rev. Edward C. Ewing.
Deerfield, South,	Rev. Edward Grisbrook, Chauncey Tilton.
Deerfield,	Rev. Andrew Campbell, Miss Frances A. Billings.
Easthampton, Payson,	Rev. Charles H. Hamlin.
East Longmeadow,	Rev. Harry C. McKnight.
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	Rev. George R. Hewitt.
" Rollstone,	Dea. Albert B. Peck.
Foxboro',	Rev. George F. Wright.
Framingham,	Rev. Lucius R. Eastman.
Georgetown, 1st,	Rev. Henry R McCartney.
Gloucester, Trinity,	Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard.
Granby,	Rev. Robert C. Bell.
Great Barrington, Housatonic,	E. F. Barnes.
Greenfield, 1st,	Rev. Carey H. Watson.
" 2d,	Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, Dea. F. A. Rugg.
Groton,	Rev. Louis B. Voorhees.
Hardwick, Gilbertville,	Chas. F. Angell.
Hatfield,	James Porter.
Haverhill, West,	Rev. John N. Lowell.
" Centre,	Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Albert Emerson.
Hawley, West,	Mrs. F. W. Atkins, Rev. Thomas S. Robie.
Hinsdale,	Rev. James C. Seagrave, Rev. James H. Laird.
Holyoke, 1st,	George W. Winch.
" 2d,	James H. Newton, Rev. Edward A. Reed.
Hopkinton,	Rev. Theodore J. Holmes.
Hyde Park,	Henry D. Noyes.
Lawrence, Lawrence St.,	Rev. William E. Wolcott.
Lee,	Rev. Lyman S. Rowland.
Lenox,	Rev. Edward Day.
Leominster,	Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Mrs. G. R. W. Scott.
Lexington,	Rev. Charles F. Carter, Edwin F. Fobes.
Littleton,	Waldo E. Conant.
Longmeadow,	Rev. Stephen G. Barnes, Rev. R. S. Underwood.
Lowell, 1st,	Dea. Andrew Liddell.
" John St.,	Rev. George H. Johnson.
" Highlaud,	Rev. Charles L. Merriam, Dea. Jas. G. Buttrick.
Lynn, Central,	Dea. Isaac K. Harris.
Medford, West,	Rev. Judson V. Clancey.
Melrose,	Dea. Moses S. Page.
" Highlands,	Fred. L. Hatch.
Merrimac,	Judge M. Perry Sargent, Rev. George L. Todd.
Middleton,	Rev. Warren P. Landers.
Milton,	Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Dea. John A. Tucker.
Monson,	Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, Dea. E. F. Morris.
Montague,	Auret M. Lyman.
" Miller's Falls,	Rev. Dorr A. Hudson, Dea. Jeremiah H. Mahony.
" Turner's Falls,	Rev. Frank N. Merriam, Edward Goddard.
Newbury,	Rev. Charles S. Holton.
Newburyport, Prospect St.,	Rev. Myron O. Patton.
Newton, 1st, Centre,	Rev. Edward M. Noyes.
" Elliot,	Rev. Wm. H. Davis, Charles A. Haskell.
" Newtonville,	Rev. John M. Dutton, Dea. N. H. Chadwick.
Norfolk,	Edward W. Mann.
Northampton, 1st,	Prof. H. N. Gardiner, Rev. Henry T. Rose.
" Edwards,	Isaac Bridgman.
North Andover,	Rev. Henry E. Barnes.
North Brookfield, 1st,	Rev. John L. Sewall.
Oxford,	Rev. Albert E. Bradstreet, John E. Kimball.
Palmer, 2d,	James B. Shaw.
Petersham,	Rev. Preston R. Crowell.
Phillipston,	Mrs. Preston R. Crowell.

Plymouth, Manomet,	Rev. Haig Adadourian.
Princeton,	Rev. Charles A. White, Dea. J. D. Gregory.
Randolph,	Rev. Charles A. Hilton, M. Wales Baker.
Reading,	Rev. Robert W. Haskins.
Rockland,	Rev. Fred Hovey Allen.
Rutland,	Rev. Sidney Crawford.
Sandwich,	Rev. Wm. H. Woodwell.
Sharon,	Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Dea. D. Webster Pettee.
Shelburne,	Rev. Joseph A. Goodrich.
" Falls,	Rev. Walter H. Ashley.
South Hadley,	Samuel N. Miller.
Spencer,	Rev. Sherman W. Brown.
Springfield, 1st,	William H. Haile.
" North,	Henry N. Penfield.
" Hope,	Rev. George H. Howard.
" Emmanuel,	Rev. David L. Kebbe, Dea. Nelson Lombard.
" Park,	Dea. James H. Barton.
" St. John's,	Rev. Frank W. Sims.
" Faith,	Rev. Henry C. Meserve.
Sunderland,	Rev. Edward P. Butler, Alanson Hubbard.
Taunton, Winslow,	Rev. T. Clayton Welles.
Uxbridge,	Rev. Frank L. Bristol, Augustus Story.
Waltham,	Dea. Amos Andrews.
Ware, East,	Rev. Austin B. Bassett, Henry K. Hyde.
Wellesley,	Dea. Gideon D. Richardson.
" Hills,	Rev. Parris T. Farwell.
Wendell,	Rev. Edward P. Seymour, Mrs. E. L. Baker.
Westboro,	Rev. Merle A. Breed.
Westfield, 1st,	Dea. Myron E. Searle.
" 2d,	William A. Bliss, Rev. Lyman H. Blake.
Westhampton,	Dea. William I. Edwards.
West Stockbridge Village,	Rev. Walter W. Curtis.
Weymouth, East,	Rev. Daniel Evans.
Whitman,	Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell.
Wilbraham, North,	Rev. C. H. Gates.
Williamsburg, Haydenville,	N. Fay Smith.
Winchester,	Rev. Joshua Coit.
Windsor,	Rev. George Sterling, Dea. Charles May.
Woburn,	Rev. Doremus Scudder, Rev. Jas. Luther Fowle.
Worcester, Union,	C. B. Greene, Rev. John E. Tuttle.
" Pilgrim,	Rev. Alex. Lewis.
" Park,	Ezra Sawyer, Rev. Inman L. Willcox.

DELEGATES FROM THE CONFERENCES.

Berkshire, North,	Dea. Francis E. Mole, Adams.
Franklin,	Dea. Henry L. Warfield, Buckland.
Hampden,	Rev. Samuel H. Lee, Springfield.
Mendon,	Dea. Edward W. Mann, Norfolk.
Middlesex, Union,	Rev. Louis B. Voorhees, Groton.
Norfolk,	Rev. Charles F. H. Crathern, Braintree.
Old Colony,	Rev. John Graham, Westport.
Suffolk, West,	Rev. Henry J. Patrick, Newton.
Woburn,	Rev. Walter A. Evans, Malden.
Worcester Central,	Rev. William B. Oleson, Worcester.
Worcester, North,	Rev. Rolla G. Bugbee, Athol.

DELEGATES FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Berkshire, North,	Rev. Wm. L. Tenney, North Adams.
Brookfield,	Rev. Benson M. Frink, West Brookfield.
Essex, North,	Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Haverhill,
Franklin,	Rev. Lyman Whiting, East Charlemont.
Hampshire, East,	Rev. Eber W. Gaylord, North Amherst.
Middlesex, South,	Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, Auburndale.
" Union,	Rev. Bartlett H. Weston, Dunstable.

Norfolk,	Rev. Edwin N. Hardy, Quincy.
Suffolk, South,	Rev. Morton Dexter, Boston.
" West,	Rev. Ezra H. Byington, Newton.
Worcester, North,	Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol.

DELEGATES FROM HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dea. Thomas Todd, Concord.
Rev. Charles S. Brooks, Hyde Park.

MEMBERS, EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, secretary.
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, assistant secretary.
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, registrar.
Rev. James W. Flagg, assistant registrar.
Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, pastor Greenfield second church.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. William J. Batt, Concord Junction.
Rev. Arthur J. Benedict, Housatonic.
S. E. Bridgeman, Northampton.
Rev. Edward C. Camp, Worthington.
Rev. Edward M. Chapman, Worcester.
Rev. Arcturus Z. Conrad, Worcester.
Rev. George L. Dickinson, Whately.
Rev. George P. Eastman, Millbury.
Rev. George H. Gutterson, Boston.
Pres. G. Stanley Hall, Worcester.
Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway.
John Herbert, Somerville
Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, Hyde Park.
Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Dorchester.
George E. McNelll, Somerville.
Dwight L. Moody, Northfield.
Rev. Charles L. Noyes, Somerville.
Rev. George W. Osgood, Lynn.
Rev. Arthur B. Patten, So. Hadley.
Rev. Sidney K. Perkins, West Springfield.
Rev. Thomas Sims, Melrose.
Rev. Richard L. Swain, So. Hadley Falls.
Rev. Charles H. Talmage, Cambridge.
Rev. Sumner G. Wood, Easthampton.

The report of the secretary, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale, was presented and accepted.[1]

The report of the treasurer, William A. Paine, of Roxbury, was presented, with auditor's certificate, and accepted.[2]

The following recommendation of the auditors was adopted: —

We recommend as the assessment for the year 1898 the sum of three and one half cents for each church member.

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Auburndale, presented the following resolution: —

Resolved, That this General Association recognizes and rejoices in the privilege of welcoming to our State and principal city the coming session of the International Council in September, 1899, and responds to the request of the local committee of arrangements by appropriating the sum

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of $2000 towards the expenses of its proper entertainment. And we hereby authorize and direct our treasurer to pay to the order of Samuel B. Capen, chairman of that committee, this sum, or such portion of it as may be needful.

Referred to the business committee.

An invitation was extended by Rev. A. B. Hudson, of Brockton, for the Association to hold in that city its ninety-seventh annual meeting.

Referred to the business committee.

An address of welcome was given by Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, pastor of the church entertaining the Association. Response was made by the moderator.

The report of the committee on gambling was presented by Rev. Charles H. Hamlin, of Easthampton, and was accepted.[1]

The committee on temperance reported through Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, of Dorchester. This report was accepted and its resolutions adopted.[2]

The following committees were appointed : —

On nominations. — Hon. William H. Haile, of Springfield; Rev. Alexander Lewis, of Worcester; Henry D. Noyes, of Hyde Park; Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell, of Whitman; Rev. Lyman H. Blake, of Westfield.

On credentials. — Rev. Frank L. Bristol, of Uxbridge; Rev. William E. Wolcott, of Lawrence; Rev. E. C. Webster, of Dorchester; N. H. Chadwick, of Newtonville; Rev. John Graham, of Westport.

The report of the committee on the consolidation of the missionary publications was presented by Rev. Edward C. Ewing, of Danvers. The report was accepted and adopted.[3]

The report of the committee on the proposed amendment to Rule XV. of the Rules of the Association was presented by Rev. Warren P. Landers, of Salem. The report was accepted and referred to the business committee.

The amendment to Rule V., proposed one year ago by Rev. A. J. Dyer, of Sharon, was taken up, and it was

Voted, That action thereon be indefinitely postponed.

On behalf of the First church of North Brookfield, the pastor, Rev. J. L. Sewall, asked that the Association appoint a delegate to represent it at the Centennial celebration of the ordination of Rev. Thomas Snell, on June 27th next. Referred to the committee on nominations.

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On motion of Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield, it was

Voted, That the secretary issue a proper form for credentials to be sent out to the clerks of the churches and the scribes of the associations and conferences.

The nominating committee recommended the following for the business committee: Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, of Greenfield; F. A. Rugg, of Greenfield; Rev. Charles H. Beale, of Roxbury; William Shaw, of Ballardvale; Thomas Todd, of Concord, and they were elected.

At five o'clock the Association took a recess, to meet for the evening session at 7.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 o'clock the Association reassembled with the moderator in the chair. Devotional services were led by Rev. Stephen G. Barnes, of Longmeadow. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. Z. Conrad, of Worcester, from the text John ix. 4.

A statement in regard to the needs of the Board of Ministerial Aid was given by Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, and the offering made, which amounted to $72.53. The administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed, Rev. Lyman Whiting, of East Charlemont, and Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, of Hyde Park, officiating.

After singing and the benediction, the Association took a recess, to meet at 8.30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY.

Morning Session.

At 8.30 A. M. a devotional service was led by Rev. Walter H. Ashley, of Shelburne Falls. At nine o'clock, with the moderator in the chair, the Association was opened with prayer by Rev. William H. Davis, of Newton.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. It was

Voted, That this Association authorize the business committee to send to the President of the United States, on behalf of the Association, an expression of its confidence and sympathy in this time of trial and difficulty.

The business committee reported, and it was

Voted, That the recommendation to grant the sum of $1000 to the Board of Pastoral Supply, and $1000 to aid in meeting the expenses of entertaining the International Council in Boston in 1899, be accepted and adopted. After some discussion it was

Voted, To reconsider the vote just taken.

The report of the Board of Pastoral Supply was then presented by Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, and was accepted.[1] It was then

Voted, To pay to the Board of Pastoral Supply $2,800, or a sum equal to the indebtedness of the Association to that Board.

It was also

Voted, That the extra assessment which this will require be embodied in the general assessment for the expenses of the Association.

It was

Voted, To adopt the several recommendations made in the report of the Board of Pastoral Supply.

The business committee recommended that the place of the next annual meeting of the Association be held with the First church, Brockton.

Adopted.

The nominating committee reported the following nominations: —

Provisional committee. — Rev. A. B. Hudson, Brockton; Rev. A. W. Archibald, Brockton; George Keith, Brockton; Dr. S. J. Grover, Brockton; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston.

Publishing committee. — Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston; J. W. Field, Dorchester; Henry D. Noyes, Hyde Park; F. P. Shumway, Melrose.

Auditing committee. — Charles E. Swett, Winchester; J. H. Tewksbury, Brookline; Rev. C. M. Southgate, Auburndale.

Nominees for membership on the executive committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. — Thomas Todd, Concord; Rev. Elijah Horr, Brookline.

Committee on the work of the churches, members at large, until 1901. — Arthur E. Gray, Worcester; Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, Springfield; Rev. S. L. Loomis, Boston; Hon. Frederick Fosdick, Fitchburg; Rev. Charles F. Carter, Lexington; George A. Shaw, Middleboro; Rev. F. L. Bristol, Uxbridge.

All these nominations were approved.

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The committee on credentials reported that one hundred and fifty-eight delegates were present with credentials properly drawn; also six pastors present who state that they were not appointed as delegates by their respective churches: Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, Hyde Park; Rev. Edward C. Camp, Worthington; Rev. Richard L. Swain, South Hadley Falls; Rev. Sidney K. Perkins, West Springfield; Rev. Sumner G. Wood, Easthampton; Rev. R. K. Harlow, Medway. The committee recommended that these brethren be elected honorary members of the Association.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

It was

Voted, That all pastors or members of Congregational churches in the State present, not members of the Association, be invited to sit as honorary members of the Association.

The general theme "The Church Redeeming its Machinery" was then introduced by Rev. F. W. Merrick, West Roxbury, who spoke upon "Wastes in Over-organization."[1] This was followed by an address on "New Motive Forces," by Rev. C. L. Noyes, Somerville.[2] An open parliament followed, participated in by Rev. Inman L. Wilcox, Worcester; Rev. David C. Reid, Leicester; Rev. John L. Sewall, North Brookfield; Rev. Walter A. Evans, Malden; Rev. W. H. Allbright, Dorchester; Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell, Whitman; Rev. Alexander Lewis, Worcester; Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, Springfield; George F. Wright, South Walpole.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. Byington, Newton.

The general theme "The Church Redeeming its Membership" was introduced by Rev. E. M. Chapman, Worcester, speaking on the topic "The Adequacy of the Present Standards of Ministerial Qualifications,"[3] followed by Rev. Wm. L. Tenney, North Adams, on the topic "Making Specific the Latent Powers of the Average Member."[4]

Open parliament followed, participated in by Perry M. Sargent, Merrimac; Rev. Henry E. Barnes, North Andover; Rev. Charles L. Morgan, Jamaica Plain; Rev. W. H. Woodwell, Sandwich; Rev. Henry J. Patrick, Newtonville; Rev. E. H. Byington, Newton; Rev. Merle A. Breed, Westboro; Rev. Rufus S. Underwood, Longmeadow; Rev. Thomas S. Robie, West Hawley; Rev. Samuel H. Lee, Springfield; William Shaw, Ballardvale; Rev. George

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W. Osgood, Lynn; Rev. Walter A. Evans, Malden; Rev. T. Clayton Welles, Taunton; Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, Monson. It was

Voted, That action on the recommendation of the business committee regarding the appropriation of $1,000 to the Board of Pastoral Supply, and $1,000 toward the expenses of the entertainment of the International Council, to be held in Boston in 1899, be postponed until after a report of the Auditing Committee is given.

The business committee reported upon the proposed amendment to Rule XV. of the rules of the Association with the following recommendations: —

1st. That no committee other than those named in Rule XI. shall be continued without a definite yearly vote of the Association.

2d. That all reports of committees other than those named in Rule XI. shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the regular meeting, and furnished to the secretary on or before April 1st. They shall not be read at the meeting, but one hour of the session may be devoted to the discussion of these topics.

3d. That no member of any special committee shall serve for more than two consecutive years without an enabling vote of the Association.

These recommendations were adopted.

The Association then took a recess until 4.30 P. M., or to the hour of the close of the meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at 3.50 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Morton Dexter, Boston. After singing, on recommendation of the business committee, Rev. A. E. Colton, of Hyde Park, spoke upon the work and needs of the American Bible Society. The following memorial from Woburn Conference was presented by the business committee: —

Resolved, That this Association commends to the churches of Massachusetts the cause of the American Bible Society, and suggests that they make an annual offering to its work.

Resolved, That this Association memorializes the National Council, — 1st That it commend the cause of the American Bible Society to the Congregational churches of the country, with the suggestion for an annual offering from each of them. 2d, That a column be inserted in the Year Book for tabulating the gifts of the churches to the Bible Society.

Resolved, That the delegates of this Association are hereby instructed to present this memorial to the National Council.

The resolutions were severally adopted.

The report of the committee on "Labor Organizations" was presented by James G. Buttrick, of Lowell.[1] This was followed by two addresses on the general theme, "One Day of Rest in Seven": 1st, "The Voice of the Labor Organizations," by George E. McNeill, of Somerville. 2d, "The Voice of the Church," by Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Dorchester.

It was

Voted, To give Mr. Buttrick, of Lowell, three minutes to finish the report on "Labor Organizations." The report was then accepted and adopted.

The report of the committee on "The Wider Circulation of Religious Literature" was presented by Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, of Springfield, and adopted.[2]

Rev. W. P. Landers, of Salem, presented the following resolution, to be acted upon at the business session on Thursday: —

Resolved, That Rule VI., Sect. 2, be amended so as to read: "A moderator and alternate shall be elected by ballot at each session of the Association, to serve at the annual meeting following, and until their successors are chosen."

The following telegram was received from the State Association in session at Norwich, N. Y., which was referred to the business committee: —

The General Association of New York sends greetings. See 1 Thess. i., 2 and 3. JAMES DEANE, *Secretary.*

The business committee presented the following telegram, and it was

Voted, That it be sent: —

HON. WILLIAM MCKINLEY,
President of the United States, Washington, D. C.

The General Association of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, now assembled in Greenfield, would express its confidence in you and your administration, and would tender its heartiest God-speed in your effort, as leader of this nation, to end the inhumanity of Spanish misrule and establish equity in the earth. GOD SAVE AMERICA.

Signed by the Moderator.

The business committee also recommended that the several memorials respecting ministerial qualifications, which had been received by the Association, be referred to a special committee.

Adopted. It was

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Voted, To authorize the nominating committee to bring in nominations for committees for another year on Temperance, Labor Organizations, Gambling, Wider Circulation of Religious Literature.

The nominating committee reported the following: —

On temperance. — Rev. Charles L. Morgan, Jamaica Plain; Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Boston; Rev. W. O. Conrad, Fitchburg; Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River; Charles A. Hopkins, Brookline; Z. W. Kemp, Springfield; Augustus R. Smith, Lee.

On labor organizations. — Rev. W. H. Allbright, Dorchester; Rev. Daniel Evans, East Weymouth; Rev. E. L. House, Attleboro; James G. Buttrick, Lowell; W. L. Spalding, Worcester; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, Wellesley Hills; Rev. F. W. Merrick, West Roxbury.

On gambling. — Rev. C. M. Southgate, Auburndale; Rev. C. H. Hamlin, Easthampton; Arthur H. Wellman, Malden; S. Homer Woodbridge, Boston; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, Newton Centre; William Gallagher, South Braintree; Jonathan A. Lane, Boston; D. F. Hamilton, Greenfield.

On the wider circulation of religious literature. — Rev. F. B. Makepeace, Springfield; Rev. W. E. Barton, Boston; Rev. H. C. Meserve, Springfield; Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, Greenfield; Rev. A. B. Bassett, Ware.

These committees were elected.

The nominating committee also recommended that Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, be the delegate to represent the Association at the centennial of the ordination of Rev. Thomas Snell, of North Brookfield, on June 27 next. He was appointed.

The following were chosen the special committee on the several memorials respecting ministerial qualifications: —

Rev. F. B. Makepeace, Springfield; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, Salem; Rev. Inman L. Wilcox, Worcester.

The following were, by ballot, elected members of the Board of Pastoral Supply for three years: —

Rev. M. A. Breed, Westboro; Rev. W. L Tenney, North Adams; Rev. W. H. Davis, Newton; Charles W. Carter, Auburndale.

The committee on nominations also recommended the following delegates to the National Council: —

Primaries. — Rev. Elijah Horr, Brookline; Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Leominster; W. H. Strong, Newton Highlands; Rev. Morton Dexter, Boston; Rev. Wm. E. Wolcott, Lawrence; Rev. E. H. Byington, Newton; Rev. W. H. Davis, Newton; Samuel B. Capen, Boston; Arthur H. Wellman, Malden; Rev. W. E. Barton, Boston; A. L. Williston, Northampton; Rev. Doremus Scudder, Woburn.

Alternates. — Rev. Daniel Merriman, Worcester; Walter K. Bigelow, Salem; Rev. W. V. M. Davis, Pittsfield; James H. Newton, Holyoke;

Rev. M. C. Julien, New Bedford; Rev. Arthur Little, Dorchester; Frank P. Knowles, Worcester; Charles E. Brown, Springfield; Rev. R. P. Hibbard, Gloucester; Rev. John L. Sewall, North Brookfield; Rev. Smith Baker, East Boston; Jacob P. Bates, Brookline.

This recommendation was approved.

The auditing committee made a partial report, after which it was

Voted, That the request of the Congregational Club of Boston, that this Association aid in meeting the expenses of entertaining the International Council, to be held in Boston in 1899, be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, To reconsider the vote upon the recommendation of the auditors that the assessment upon the churches for the ensuing year be three and one half cents.

It was

Voted, To recommend as the assessment for the year 1898 the sum of six and one fourth cents for each church member.

The business committee reported the following reply to the telegram received from the New York Association: —

To the General Association of the Congregational Churches in New York: —

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts gratefully acknowledge and reciprocate your salutations. See Eph. vi.23.

The business committee also presented the following memorial from the Andover Association, which was referred to the provisional committee of the Association for next year, with the recommendation that it have a place upon the program: —

The Andover Association of Ministers to the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts: —

Dear Brethren: We venture to suggest to you action tending to further the circulation of the Revised Version of the Bible among the Congregational laity of our State. Careful inquiry leads us to believe that, while the Revision is widely used by our ministers, both in the study and in the pulpit, it has but a meagre circulation among the laity.

We believe that this is a matter to be regretted, in view of the generally admitted superiority of the version to the "King James" in point of accuracy. We are of the opinion that a more general use of the Revision in private reading and Sabbath-school teaching would result in a better understanding on the part of our people of the thought of the inspired writers, and that this would lead to a deeper experience of the power of divine truth.

Careful inquiry has led us to the opinion that prominent among the causes of the comparative meagreness of the circulation of the new ver-

sion is its cost as compared with the editions of the "King James," offered by the American Bible Society. It is a fact well known and highly gratifying to us all that the society is enabled by its endowments to offer Bibles for the bare expense of publication. As it has hitherto, for reasons which we do not presume to call in question, published the "King James" version exclusively, it has obviously subjected the Revision to a serious disadvantage with the public. We doubt whether the "King James" version would ever have become the people's Bible if it had been similarly hampered from the time of its publication onward.

You will recollect that, when the Revision was first published, the laws of this country did not allow its legal proprietors, the university presses of Oxford and Cambridge, to obtain copyright here, and that to guard their moral rights the American Committee of Revision pledged themselves to use their influence for fourteen years to prevent all but the authorized English editions from circulating in the United States. That period expires in July of the present year. From that time there will be no objection whatever to the publication of the Revised Version in this country.

We respectfully suggest that you ask the American Bible Society to consider the advisability of printing the Bible and portions of it in the Revised Version, making whatever changes may be needed in its Constitution to allow this course. We believe that many copies would be purchased by studious laymen as well as by ministers.

We beg to add that we are not asking the General Association to commit itself to the opinion that the Revision should replace the "King James" version in public worship. We are well aware that a wide difference of opinion exists upon this question both among the ministers and among laymen.

The action asked for only affirms the value of the Revision for private reading and study. It carries no criticism whatever upon the past action of the Bible Society. It only asks that the Society no longer discriminate against a version which is presumably the most accurate of any printed in the English language.

For the Andover Association,

(Signed) EDWARD W. PRIDE, *Scribe.*

LAWRENCE, MASS., Feb. 22, 1898.

Prayer was offered by William Shaw, of Ballardvale.

The Association then took a recess until half past seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 7.30 o'clock with the moderator in the chair. Prayers were offered by Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Milton. The general theme "The Church Redeeming Men" was introduced by D. L. Moody, of Northfield, speaking on "The Appeal to Spirit. Converting Power — How Secured." He was

followed by Rev. Harris G. Hale, of Brookline, who spoke upon "The Appeal to Need.[1] What the Church offers Men." Also by President G. Stanley Hall, of Worcester, speaking upon "The Appeal to Thought. The Religious Affirmations of Modern Science." Prayer was offered by Rev. H. J. Patrick, of Newtonville.

The Association then took a recess, to meet at eight o'clock on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY.

Morning Session.

The Association reassembled at eight o'clock. Devotional services were led by Rev. F. R. Shipman, of Andover. At 8.30 o'clock, the Association, with the moderator in the chair, was opened with prayer by Rev. C. F. P. Bancroft, of Andover. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved as corrected. The report of the committee on nominees for corporate members of the American Board was read and approved. The following were, by ballot, nominated: Rev. Edward G. Porter, Lexington; Rev. Charles H. Hamlin, Easthampton; Levi J. Gunn, Greenfield; Henry S. Lee, Springfield.

The following amendment to Rule V. of the Rules of the Association was proposed by Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield: —

Resolved, That Rule V. be so amended as to read: Each evangelical Congregational church in the State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports, shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

It was

Voted, To use the $2000 in the treasury of the Association to aid in paying the indebtedness to the Board of Pastoral Supply.

It was

Voted, That the nominating committee bring in names for a committee of five to nominate corporate members of the American Board next year.

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The nominating committee reported the following for this committee : —

Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Worcester; Rev. George R. Hewitt, Fitchburg; Rev. L. S. Rowland, Lee; Charles L. Odell, Beverly; Edward F. Morris, Monson.

This report was adopted.

The committee on the Work of the Churches presented the following recommendation which was accepted and adopted : —

The committee on the Work of the Churches, finding that several of the members named upon its roll fail habitually to attend its meetings, ask that the Association give to it the power to declare vacant the place of any member failing for one year to attend its meetings or to send an excuse, and to fill such vacancy at its discretion.

The committee elected to consider the memorials upon ministerial standing received by the General Association presented the following recommendation, which was adopted : —

The committee believes that the matter thus referred to them requires a fuller consideration than is possible during this meeting of the Association. They therefore ask permission to present their report at the next annual meeting, and also request that Rev. A. E. Dunning and Rev. A. Z. Conrad may be added to the committee.

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

The report of the committee on Sunday Observance was given by Rev. E. H. Byington, of Newton, which, with its several recommendations, was accepted and adopted.[1]

The nominating committee recommended as the committee upon Sunday Observance : —

Rev. Reuen Thomas, Brookline, Chairman; Rev. A. H. Plumb, Boston; Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, Springfield; Rev. John E. Tuttle, Worcester; Rev. Raymond F. Calkins, Pittsfield; Rev. Charles E. Harrington, Waltham; Rev. Smith Baker, East Boston; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, Salem; Rev. W. H. Woodwell, Sandwich; Rev. M. Angelo Dougherty, Cambridge.

The recommendation was adopted.

The resolution introduced by Rev. W. P. Landers, of Salem, and assigned for this morning hour, was brought up, but after discussion was not adopted.

The report of the committee on the Work of the Churches was then given by Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton, and was accepted.[2]

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The general theme of the morning "The Church Redeeming the World" was then opened, and the following addresses upon special topics were given: —

"The Mission Motive," Rev. A. B. Bassett, Ware[1]; "The Ethics of Christian Giving," John Herbert, Somerville; "The World-Wide Mission of the Church," Rev. Sherman W. Brown, Spencer.[2]

After singing, an open parliament followed, participated in by Rev. John Graham, Westport; Rev. E. C. Ewing, Danvers; Rev. A. J. Dyer, Sharon; Rev. E. N. Hardy, Quincy; Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Newton; Rev. Joshua Coit, Winchester; Rev. B. M. Frink, West Brookfield; Rev. H. A. Hazen, Auburndale; William Shaw, Ballardvale; George F. Wright, So. Walpole; Rev. Elihu Loomis, Bedford; Rev. Elijah Horr, Brookline; Rev G. Glenn Atkins, Greenfield.

The committee on credentials presented the following report: —

Whole number of delegates present	211
Clergymen	127
Lay delegates	84
Conferences represented by ministers	8
Conferences represented by lay delegates	3
Total conferences represented	11
Associations represented	11
Honorary members	24
Churches represented by delegates	144
Total enrolment	235

The following resolutions were presented by Rev. Morton Dexter, of Boston, and were adopted by a rising vote: —

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association be, and hereby are, offered to the Second church in Greenfield, which has received it as a guest; to the Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, pastor of the church; to the chorister and choir, and to all others connected with the church or congregation who have rendered special services, so efficient and so diversified; to the many friends, the doors of whose homes have been opened so widely in gracious and grateful welcome; and to all other citizens of this town, from whom the members of this body have received courtesies.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body be, and hereby are offered to its moderator, registrars and other officers, and especially to the Provisional Committee, the result of whose labors, under the lead of Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, has been a conceded and marked improvement in the quality of the programme for our sessions, and to the officials of the railroads centering here, from whom important reductions of usual

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terms have been received ; to the press of Greenfield, for its full and careful reports.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of this Association, and a copy be furnished to the Second church in Greenfield.

Response to these resolutions was made by Rev. C. H. Watson, pastor of the First church, Greenfield. Closing words were spoken by the moderator. A hymn was sung, and after prayer and the benediction the Association adjourned.

GEORGE R. W. SCOTT, *Moderator.*
FRANCIS J. MARSH, *Registrar.*
JAMES W. FLAGG, *Assistant Registrar.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

The tables which follow comprise: —

1. The list of Conferences, with the times of meeting and names of officers.

2. The statistics of pastoral supply, membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sabbath schools, and families; of the Young People's Societies; those of charities and expenses. The tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the YEAR-BOOK.

3. The statistics of ministers, lists of ordinations, installations, dismissals, and deaths.

The tables of the second part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabetically; churches in each town according to age.

The column specifying ministers is corrected up to the time of printing. Church members and families are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1898. Admissions, removals, and baptisms cover the year 1897. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of teachers and scholars, Jan. 1, 1898, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church.

The months and days in the dates of the organization of churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of churches since organized being given in the list of new churches each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the report of the Association.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "*p. c.*"; pastors duly called by their churches and recognized by some "definite act of the church," but not by council, are marked "*p.*"; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of *ministers* do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the convenience of those who note changes.

☞ All *post-office addresses* are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES. H. A. H.

THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES.

1. ANDOVER. — Organized June 8, 1859.

CHURCHES. — In Andover: South; West; Free; Union, Ballardvale; Theological Seminary. In Chelmsford: 2d at North; Central. In Dracut: 1st; Central. In Lawrence: Lawrence Street; Trinity; South; United; Riverside. In Lowell: Pawtucket; 1st; Eliot; John Street; Kirk Street; High Street; *French;* Highland; *Swedish Trinitarian.* Methuen. North Andover. Tewksbury. Tyngsboro. Total: 28 churches.

Albert W. Burnham, Lowell, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Edward W. Pride, Andover, *statistical secretary, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in October.

2. BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 28, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Barnstable: West; Centreville; Hyannis. Chatham. In Dennis: South; Union. In Falmouth: 1st; East; North; Waquoit; Woods Holl. Harwich; Harwich Port. Nantucket. Orleans. Provincetown. Sandwich. In Truro: 1st; North. In Wellfleet: 1st; South. In Yarmouth: 1st; West. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. William C. Detling, Centerville, *scribe, treasurer, and chairman committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on second Tuesday in May and November.

3. BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 3, 1867.

CHURCHES. — Adams. Becket North. Dalton. Hinsdale. Lanesboro. Middlefield. North Adams. Peru. In Pittsfield: 1st; 2d; South Pilgrim. Richmond. In Williamstown: 1st; College; South; White Oaks. Windsor. (Canaan and New Lebanon, N. Y.) Total: 18 churches.

Deacon George French, North Adams, *secretary and treasurer.* Rev. Alford B. Penniman, Adams, *committee on the work of the churches.* Annual meeting, second Wednesday in November; semi-annual, second Wednesday in May.

4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug. 29, 1860.

CHURCHES. — Becket Centre. Egremont South. In Great Barrington: 1st; Housatonic. Lee. Lenox. Monterey. Mount Washington. In New Marlboro: 1st; Southfield; Mill River. Otis. In Sandisfield: 1st; New Boston. Sheffield. In Stockbridge: 1st; Curtisville. In West Stockbridge: Village; Centre. Total: 19 churches.

Bennett T. Gale, Lee, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, *committee on the work of the churches.* Annual meeting in November.

5. BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE. — Organized June 13, 1821.

CHURCHES. — Barre. Brimfield. Brookfield. Charlton. Dana. Dudley. In Hardwick: 1st; Gilbertville. Holland. New Braintree. In North Brookfield: 1st; Union. Oakham. Southbridge. Spencer. Sturbridge. In Ware: 1st; East; *French.* In Warren: 1st; West. West Brookfield. Total: 22 churches.

Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Brookfield, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. ——, W.

Brookfield, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings: annual, first Tuesday in May, 2 days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, 1 day.

6. ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized April 30, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Amesbury: 1st; Union. Boxford, West. In Bradford: 1st; Ward Hill. Georgetown: 1st; Memorial. Groveland. In Haverhill: West; 4th; Centre; North; Riverside; Union; St. Johns, *French.* In Ipswich: 1st; Linebrook. Merrimac. In Newbury: 1st; Byfield. In Newburyport: North; Prospect Street; Belleville; Whitefield. Rowley. In West Newbury: 1st; 2d. Total: 27 churches.

Rev. David C. Torrey, Byfield, *scribe.* Rev. John N. Lowell, Haverhill, *statistical secretary and treasurer.* Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

7. ESSEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Beverly: North; Dane Street; Washington Street. Boxford. In Danvers: 1st; Maple Street. Essex. In Gloucester: West; Trinity; Lanesville; Magnolia. Hamilton. Ipswich South. In Lynn: 1st; Central; Chestnut Street; North; *Swedish.* In Lynnfield: Centre; 2d. Manchester. Marblehead. Middleton. In Peabody: South; Rockville; West. In Rockport: 1st; Pigeon Cove; *Swedish.* In Salem: Tabernacle; South; Crombie Street. Saugus: 1st, and Cliftondale. Swampscott. Topsfield. Wenham. Total: 37 churches.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Rev. E. C. Ewing, Danvers, *statistical scribe.* Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

8. FRANKLIN CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 10, 1843.

CHURCHES. — Ashfield. Bernardston. Buckland. In Charlemont: 1st; East. Coleraine. Conway. In Deerfield: South; Orthodox. Erving. Gill. In Greenfield: 1st; 2d. In Hawley: East; West; Leverett, Moores Corner. In Montague: 1st; Miller's Falls; Turner's Falls. Northfield. Orange: Central; *Swedish.* In Shelburne: 1st; Falls. Shutesbury. Sunderland. Warwick. Wendell Centre. Whately. Total: 29 churches.

Rev. Edward P. Butler, Sunderland, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets second Wednesday and Thursday in September.

9. HAMPDEN CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 4, 1850.

CHURCHES. — In Agawam: Feeding Hills; 2d. Blandford: 1st; 2d. In Chester: 1st; 2d. In Chicopee: 1st; 2d; 3d. In Granville: East; West. Hampden. In Holyoke: 1st; 2d; *French.* Huntington, 2d. In Longmeadow: 1st; East. In Ludlow: 1st; Mills. Monson. In Palmer: 1st; 2d; Three Rivers. South Hadley Falls. Southwick. In Springfield: 1st; Olivet; South; North; Indian Orchard; Sandford st.; Hope; *French;* Eastern Avenue; Emmanuel; Park; *Swedish.* Faith. Tolland. In Westfield: 1st; 2d. In West Springfield: 1st; Mittineague; Park st. In Wilbraham: Centre; North. Total, 47 churches.

Rev. Henry C. Meserve, Springfield, *scribe.* Frank P. Searle, Westfield, *treasurer.* Conference meets last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

10. HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE. — Organized February, 1865.

CHURCHES. — Chesterfield. In Cummington: East; West. In Easthampton: 1st; Payson. Goshen. Hatfield. Huntington 1st. In Northampton: 1st;

Edwards; Florence. Plainfield. Southampton. Westhampton. In Williamsburg: 1st; Haydenville. Worthington. Total: 17 churches.

W. M. Purrington, Haydenville, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. A. C. Townsend, Westhampton, *statistical secretary*. Rev. R. M. Woods, Hatfield, *chairman of committee on the work of the churches*. Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the Executive Committee.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 13, 1860.

Churches. — In Amherst: 1st; 2d; College; North; South. Belchertown. Enfield. Granby. Greenwich. In Hadley: 1st; 2d. Leverett: In Pelham: 1st; Packardville. Prescott. South Hadley 1st. Total: 16 churches.

Dea. M. B. Kingman, Amherst, *registrar and treasurer*. Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, *committee on the work of the churches*. Semi-annual meeting, last Tuesday in April; annual, third Tuesday in October.

12. MENDON CONFERENCE. — Organized April 12, 1858.

Churches. — Foxboro. Franklin: Mansfield. Medfield. In Medway: Village; West; 3d. Milford. Millis. Norfolk. Walpole. Wrentham. Total: 12 churches.

Rev. C. W. Longren, Franklin, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. Rufus K. Harlow Medway, *committee on the work of the churches*. Conference meets third Wednesday of April and October.

13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug 20, 1828.

Churches. — Ashland. Dover. In Framingham: Plymouth; Saxonville; South. Holliston. Hopkinton. Hudson. Lincoln. In Marlboro: 1st; *French*. Maynard. In Natick: 1st; South. Northboro. Sherborn. In Southboro: Pilgrim; Southville. Sudbury. Wayland. Wellesley. Total: 21 churches.

Rev. Edward H. Chandler, Wellesley, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches*. Meetings, third Tuesdays of April and October.

14. MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1853.

Churches. — Acton: 1st; South. Ashby. Ayer. Boxboro. Concord. Dunstable. In Fitchburg: Calvinist; Rollstone; *German; Swedish*. Groton: 1st; West. Harvard. Lancaster. In Leominster: Centre; North. Littleton. Lunenburg. Pepperell. Shirley Village. Townsend. Westford. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Joel D. Miller, Leominster, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Concord, *committee on the work of the churches*. Annual meeting, third Wednesday in October. Spring meeting in April.

15. NORFOLK CONFERENCE. — Organized June 14, 1827.

Churches. — In Abington: 1st; North. In Braintree: 1st; South. In Bridgewater: Central Square; Scotland. In Brockton: 1st; Campello; Porter Evan.; *Swedish*; Waldo; Wendell av.; Lincoln. In Cohasset: Evangelical; Beechwood. East Bridgewater. In Easton: 1st; *Swedish*. In Hingham: 1st; Nantasket. Holbrook. In Milton: 1st; 2d. In Quincy: Evangelical; Washington st., *Swedish*. Packard Downs. Randolph. Rockland. Sharon. Stoughton. In Weymouth: 1st; 2d, South; Landing; Union, South; North; East. Whitman. Total: 38 churches.

Rev. Warren F. Low, Holbrook, *scribe*. Mrs. Mary S. Vining, Hingham *treasurer*. Rev. R. R. Kendall, Weymouth Heights, *statistical secretary and committee on the work of the churches*. Meetings first Tuesday in May and last Tuesday in September.

16. OLD COLONY CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept. 23, 1856.

CHURCHES. — Dartmouth South. Edgartown. Fairhaven. Lakeville. Marion Mattapoisett. In Middleboro: 1st; Central. In New Bedford: 1st; North; Trinitarian. In Rochester: 1st; North; East. Wareham. Westport. West Tisbury. Total: 17 churches.

Rev. William Carruthers, 89 Suffolk st., Holyoke, *scribe, treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets for a two-days' session the third Tuesday in April and the last Tuesday in October.

17. PILGRIM CONFERENCE. — Organized April 27, 1830.

CHURCHES. — Carver North. Duxbury. Halifax. In Hanover: 1st: 2d. Hanson. Kingston. In Marshfield: 1st; 2d. In Plymouth: Manomet; Pilgrimage; Chiltonville. Plympton. Scituate. Total: 14 churches.

Rev. Zenas Crowell, Kingston, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Oscar F. Davis, Chiltonville, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets in April and October, for two-days' session each.

18. SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — Arlington. In Boston: 1st and Winthrop, Charlestown; Maverick, East Boston; Mt. Vernon and Seamen's; E. Boston, Baker. In Cambridge: 1st; 1st Cambridgeport; North Avenue; Pilgrim, Wood Memorial, and Hope, Cambridgeport. In Chelsea: 1st; Central; 3d. In Everett: 1st; Courtland st.; Mystic Side. In Revere: 1st; Beachmont. In Somerville: 1st; Broadway; West; Prospect Hill; Winter Hill; Highlands. Winthrop. Total: 28 churches.

Frank E. Hodgkins, 162 Congress Street, Boston, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Albert Watson, 214 Hancock Street, Everett, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the second Wednesdays of April and October.

19. SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — In Boston: Dorchester, 2d; Union; Phillips, South Boston; Dorchester Village; Eliot, Roxbury; West Roxbury; Central and Boylston, Jamaica Plain; Immanuel, Roxbury; Trinity, Neponset; Pilgrim, Dorchester; Highland and Walnut Avenue, Roxbury; Olivet; Harvard and Central, Dorchester; Roslindale; St. Marks. Canton. In Dedham: In Hyde Park: 1st; Clarendon. Norwood. In Quincy: Atlantic; Wollaston Heights. East Walpole. Westwood, Islington. Total: 27 churches.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Neponset, *scribe.* E. S. Hathaway, Hyde Park, *treasurer.* Rev. Wm. H. Bolster, Dorchester, *statistical secretary and committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

20. SUFFOLK WEST CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 17, 1873.

CHURCHES. — In Belmont: Waverly. In Boston: Old South; Park st.; Berkeley Temple; Brighton; Central; Shawmut; Allston; *Norwegian* and *Swedish.* Brookline: Harvard; Leyden. Needham. In Newton: 1st, Newton Centre; 2d, West Newton; Eliot; Auburndale; Nonantum; Central, Newtonville; Highlands. Waltham: 1st; *Swedish.* Watertown. Wellesley Hills. Weston. Total: 25 churches.

Rev. John M. Dutton, Newtonville, *recording secretary.* Benjamin F. Dewing, 35 Hawley Street, Boston, *treasurer.* Rev. Charles E. Havens, Newton Highlands, *committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings, second Wednesdays of April and October.

21. TAUNTON CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 2, 1849.

CHURCHES. — Attleboro. Berkley. Dighton. In Fall River: 1st; Central; 3d; *French;* Broadway. Assonet in Freetown. Lakeville. Middleboro North. North Attleboro: 1st; Falls; Trinity. Norton. In Raynham: 1st; North. Reboboth. Somerset. In Taunton: West; Trinitarian; Winslow; East; Union. Total: 24 churches.

Rev. Elwin L. House, Attleboro, *scribe, and committee on the work of the churches.* Thomas Chew, Box 460, Fall River, *treasurer.* Conference holds two sessions annually of one day each, in the spring and fall.

22. WOBURN CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept. 5, 1848.

CHURCHES. — Bedford. Billerica. Burlington. Carlisle. Hancock, Lexington. In Malden: 1st; Maplewood; Linden. In Medford: Mystic; West and South. In Melrose: 1st; Highlands. North Reading. Reading. Stoneham. Wakefield. Wilmington. Winchester. In Woburn: 1st; North; *Scandinavian;* Montvale. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Isaac Pierson, Medford, *scribe and treasurer, and committee on the work of the churches.* Meetings on the last Tuesdays of April and October.

23. WORCESTER CENTRAL CONFERENCE. — Organized April 28, 1852.

CHURCHES. — Auburn. Berlin. Boylston. Clinton: 1st; *German;* Holden. Leicester. Oxford. Paxton. Princeton. Rutland. Shrewsbury. Sterling. West Boylston. In Worcester: Old South; Central; Union; Summer st.; Plymouth; Piedmont; *Swedish;* Pilgrim; Park; Covenant; Hope; Lake View; Belmont; Bethany; *Armenian;* Immanuel; *Swedish, 2d.* Total: 30 churches.

Rev. Geo. S. Dodge, Worcester, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, *committee on the work of the churches.* Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following third Monday in October.

24. WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 24, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Ashburnham: 1st; North. Athol. Baldwinville. Gardner. Hubbardston. New Salem. In Orange: North. Petersham. Phillipston. In Royalton: 1st; South. Templeton. Westminster. In Winchendon: 1st; North. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. Davis Foster, Winchendon, *scribe.* Meetings in October and June.

25. WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized June 17, 1828.

CHURCHES. — Blackstone. In Douglas: 1st; East. In Grafton: 1st; Saundersville. In Millbury: 1st; 2d. In Northbridge: 1st; Whitinsville; Rockdale. Sutton. Upton. Uxbridge. Webster. Westboro'. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, *scribe and chairman of the committee on the work of the churches.* Dea. Amos Armsby, Millbury, *treasurer.* Meetings on fourth Wednesdays of April and October.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Abington,	1712	F.D. Hunt, **Whitman**,	Wilson S. Fritch, *p. c.*	'93	'95	47	110	157	33	3	2	5	5	5	0	-10	1	0
" **North**,	1839	Dea. Cyrus Orcutt,	George Benedict,	'83	'97	26	61	87	21	0	0	0	4	1	1	- 6	0	0
Acton,	1832	Horace F. Tuttle,	Bernard Copping, *p. c.*	'78	'94	29	55	84	22	1	0	1	1	3	1	- 5	0	0
" **South**,	1893	Edgar I. Banks,	Wilson R. Buxton, *p. c.*	'94	'94	16	39	55	5	3	4	7	1	3	0	+4	3	2
Adams,	1840	Dea. E. W. Streeter,	Alford B. Penniman, *p. c.*	'83	'94	139	269	408	22	11	13	24	4	0	0	+4	0	0
Agawam, **Feeding Hills**,	1762	Miss Julia A. Bailey,	Frank L. Garfield, *p. c.*	'93	'92	16	38	54	11	0	0	0	0	3	0	- 3	0	0
"	1819	Mrs. C. S. Leonard,	Walter Rice, *p. c.*	'65	'92	87	98	185	52	1	2	3	3	5	0	- 8	0	0
Amesbury, Main st.,	1831	Joseph L. Batchelder,	George L. Richmond, *p. c.*	'83	'90	142	252	394	32	63	12	75	1	1	0	+2	47	1
" Union,	1835	Miss Lois L. Fifield,	George W. Christie, *p.*	'73	'91	21	84	105	21	4	2	6	1	0	0	+1	3	0
Amherst, 1st,	1739	J. A. Rawson,	Henry R. McCartney, *p. c.*	'87	'98	126	317	443	67	4	10	14	9	7	0	16	0	1
" 2d,	1782	Herbert Sabin,				47	111	158	28	2	0	2	4	3	0	- 7	3	0
" College,	1826	William I. Fletcher,	Henry P. Smith, *asso. p.*,	'75	'98	222	59	281	165	6	6	12	2	11	0	-13	1	0
" **North**,	1826	Miss M. E. Harrington,	Eber W. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'73	'90	81	163	244	30	9	1	10	4	4	1	- 9	8	0
" **South**,	1858	Mrs. W. B. Rose,	John F. Gleason, *p.*	'73	'95	64	99	163	20	0	6	6	1	1	0	+2	0	1
Andover, South,	1711	Myron E. Gutterson,	Frank R. Shipman, *p. c.*	'93	'93	98	245	343	51	16	16	32	10	3	0	-13	5	8
" West,	1826	Arthur T. Boutwell,				89	158	247	44	5	8	13	7	2	0	- 9	1	12
" Free,	1846	Herbert Goff,	Frederick A. Wilson, *p. c.*	'82	'89	97	266	363	85	10	7	17	7	10	0	-17	4	8
" **Ballardvale**,	1854	William Shaw,	Arthur L. Golder, *p.*	'91	'96	29	72	101	23	7	3	10	5	0	0	- 5	4	0
" Seminary,	1865	Egbert C. Smythe,	The Professors,			90	110	200	40	2	3	5	1	5	0	- 6	1	3
Arlington,	1842	Henry H. Austin,	Samuel C. Bushnell, *p. c.*	'79	'90	77	171	248	27	1	12	13	5	5	0	-10	0	7
Ashburnham, 1st,	1760	Fred. D. Lane,	Nathan T. Dyer, *p.*	'78	'97	35	77	112	19	1	4	5	4	2	2	- 8	1	0
" North,	1843					3	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 0	0	0
Ashby,	1776	Horace S. Brooks,	Herbert W. Boyd, *p. c.*	'86	'97	70	110	180	43	2	2	4	2	4	0	- 6	2	0
Ashfield,	1763	John M. Sears,	George H. Bailey, *p.*	'67	'93	66	119	185	14	2	5	7	2	2	0	- 4	0	2
Ashland,	1835	Dea. Edwin Perry,	Charles L. Tomblen, *p.*	'77	'92	28	65	93	28	0	0	0	3	2	0	- 5	0	0
Athol,	1830	C. K. Wood, **A. Centre**,	Rolla S. Bugbee, *p.*	'76	'97	77	228	305	37	3	6	9	1	6	0	+7	2	4
Attleboro',	1748	Benjamin P. King,	Elwin L. House, *p. c.*	'88	'93	126	352	478	23	14	12	26	7	15	0	-22	3	4
Auburn,	1776	William F. Stone,	Charles M. Pierce, *p.*	'63	'90	43	74	117	41	0	0	0	2	3	0	- 5	0	5
Ayer,	1861	Miss Clara E. Blood,	Horace F. Hallett, *p.*	'91	'94	23	70	93	28	1	3	4	1	1	0	+2	0	0
Barnstable, **West**,	1616	Rev. Edgar B. French,	Edgar B. French, *p.*	'97	'97	19	44	63	17	0	1	1	2	0	0	- 2	2	0
" **Centreville**,	1840	Miss Nellie B. Kelley,	William C. Detling, *p.*	'97	'96	9	38	47	7	6	1	7	3	1	0	+4	4	4
" **Hyannis**,	1854	Dea. W. A. Perry,	Andrew H. Mulnix, *p. c.*	'98	'97	8	23	31	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	-1	1	0
Barre,	1827	C. S. Root, **Barre Plains**,	Joseph F. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'67	'79	45	114	159	30	9	0	9	3	5	0	+8	8	1
Becket, **Centre**,	1758	Mrs. L. O. Ellsworth, *a*	Charles O. Eames, *p.*	'97	'97	4	12	16	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	+0	0	0
" North,	1849	Dea. Jarvis Norcutt,	Charles O. Eames,	'97	'97	35	55	90	32	0	9	9	4	3	0	+7	0	0
Bedford,	1730	Rev. Edwin Smith,	Edwin Smith, *p.*	'65	'86	62	126	188	45	2	2	4	2	6	3	-11	2	4
Belchertown,	1737	Charles B. Southick,	George J. Newton, *p.*	'97	'96	74	146	220	59	0	5	5	7	5	0	-12	0	0
Belmont, **Waverley**,	1865	Robert C. Claus,	George P. Gilman, *p.*	'72	'83	25	44	69	16	1	9	10	0	0	0	+0	1	1

a **Bancroft.** Acushnet, *see* New Bedford. Assonet, *see* Freetown. Atlantic, *see* Quincy.
Attleboro Falls, *see* N. Attleboro. Auburndale, *see* Newton. Baldwinville, *see* Templeton. Ballardvale, *see* Andover. Beechwood, *see* Cohasset.

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CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Abington,	W. S. O'Brien,	244	118	155	41	$68	$5	$7	$58	$43	$15	$10	$40	$246	$ 0	$1,746
" North,	W. C. Brett,	110	60	90	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,550
Acton,	Horace F. Tuttle,	80	61	100	40	29	7	7	44	18	15	6	15	141	0	1,050
" South,	William F. Hale,	90	57	65	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,150
Adams,	William B. Plunkett,	556	425	300	135	264	22	25	175	0	14	0	0	500	0	6,500
Agawam,	Edward A. Kellogg,	72	40	55	30	42	10	12	15	14	14	0	40	147	0	950
"	Dea. W. H. Porter,	107	55	100	80	87	51	0	19	18	35	0	30	240	0	1,287
Amesbury,	Thomas Clark,	290	199	325	65	425	3	10	139	87	4	0	120	788	0	3,659
"	Mrs. Philip Bartlett,	139	82	133	46	83	8	4	20	60	2	4	67	248	0	1,371
Amherst, 1st,	Charles L. Nims,	210	147	250	109	710	25	43	724	71	63	30	0	1,666	0	3,750
" 2d,	Charles H. Hooker,	142	69	100	71	31	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	106	0	1,000
" College,		0	0	0	0	294	16	0	290	110	0	0	51	761	0	199
" North,	Howard A. Parsons,	200	124	120	88	244	34	7	143	48	15	3	6	500	0	1,525
" South,	George O. Hannum,	95	78	90	59	108	21	8	154	49	3	0	12	355	0	1,151
Andover, South,	Charles H. Gilbert,	354	204	264	119	592	120	96	620	380	57	0	537	2,402	0	3,800
" West,	Arthur T. Boutwell,	150	100	70	50	60	0	0	38	58	23	0	9	188	0	1,650
" Free,	J. Newton Cole,	268	197	200	76	84	38	39	203	106	39	0	153	662	0	3,142
" Ballardvale,	William Shaw,	138	94	65	100	119	16	27	119	136	18	0	122	557	0	1,102
" Seminary,	Matthew S. McCurdy,	60	45	64	0	705	174	85	561	326	0	0	17	1,868	3,000	568
Arlington,	E. L. Churchill,	309	175	275	96	193	55	55	126	88	55	27	288	887	0	4,600
Ashburnh'm, 1st,	F. D. Lane,	90	64	125	48	0	0	16	35	12	25	0	0	88	0	1,425
" North,		30	16	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashby,	Fred E. Brooks,	123	86	80	56	15	16	7	17	15	50	0	38	158	0	1,340
Ashfield,	Dea. F. H. Smith, **Buckland**,	125	75	125	45	105	9	10	81	36	17	10	82	350	0	1,400
Ashland,	Rev. C. L. Tomblen,	104	66	100	36	89	0	12	26	12	15	0	15	169	0	1,260
Athol,	Dea. O. M. Lawton, A. **Centre**	325	185	240	142	179	50	0	307	14	25	0	43	618	0	2,442
Attleboro',	Martin L. Chapman,	517	319	400	100	645	76	82	484	96	96	1	818	2,298	800	4,800
Auburn,	Mrs. Julia F. Bancroft,	130	79	86	48	68	0	0	59	42	9	0	20	198	0	13,185
Ayer,	Miss Rosa Smith,	117	48	64	46	41	0	0	29	40	9	0	10	129	0	1,200
Barnstable, W.,	Dea. P. H. Robinson,	85	35	70	26	5	0	5	10	5	0	0	117	142	0	450
" Centreville,	Mrs. Drusilla Whitford,	75	62	40	32	38	0	0	84	9	3	0	8	142	0	555
" Hyannis,	E. Field,	60	40	85	53	7	2	3	2	0	2	0	6	22	0	525
Barre,	James B. Colby,	120	63	114	44	293	29	0	274	98	54	0	102	850	0	1,600
Becket, Centre,	Francis Alderman,	35	31	25		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	30	32	0	378
" North,	Henry A. Jennings,	90	65	42	20	5	0	0	10	19	0	0	5	39	0	700
Bedford,	Wallace G. Webber,	230	130	164	51	253	0	5	117	21	27	0	145	568	0	1,800
Belchertown,	F. L. Stebbins,	246	109	80	63	80	0	9	35	29	0	0	47	200	0	1,326
Belmont,	H. E. Carpenter,	105	71	70	70	12	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	24	0	1,900

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Berkley,	1737	Dea. Rollin H. Babbitt,	Franklin K. Beem, *p. c.*	'95	'94	26	56	82	18	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Berlin,	1779	William S. Eager,	Henry F. Markham, *p.*	'80	'94	29	56	85	24	2	0	2	4	2	1	7	2	3
Barnardston,	1824	Dea. Henry Slate,	David H. Strong, *p.*	'85	'88	26	42	68	8	1	1	2	2	3	0	5	0	0
Beverly, North,	1715	Charles S. Brown,	[Raymond Semans, *Meth.*]	'96	'96	21	44	65	8	3	2	5	0	2	0	2	3	0
" Dane st.,	1809	Louis H. Baker,	Francis J. Van Horn, *p. c.*	'93	'95	135	310	445	28	29	12	41	12	7	1	20	14	6
" Washington st.,	1832	William A. Lefavour,	William A. Bacon *p. c.*	'95	'95	68	172	240	44	11	5	16	8	6	0	14	6	0
Billerica,	1827	Rev. Daniel W. Hardy,	Daniel W. Hardy, *p.*	'74	'93	32	53	85	0	7	1	8	3	3	0	6	1	1
Blackstone,	1849	Calvin H. Lee,				14	25	39	9	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blandford, 1st,	1731	Charles B. Hayden,	Allan C. Ferrin, *p. c.*	'96	'96	25	61	86	20	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	2
" North,	1895	Mrs. Julia C. Loveland,	Allan C. Ferrin, *p.*	'96	'96	11	32	43	4	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	9	0
Boston, Charlestown,	1633	Gardner Bates,	Charles H. Pope, *p.*	'65	'96	40	135	175	90	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	0	3
" Old South,	1662	J. Converse Gray,	George A. Gordon, *p. c.*	'77	'84	223	456	679	56	28	43	71	15	6		21	12	8
" 2d, Dorchester,	1809	William D. Brigham,	Arthur Little, *p. c.*	'63	'89	238	447	685	70	24	32	56	11	9	1	21	5	9
" Park st.,	1808	William E. Swift,				335	540	875	380	1	3	4	13	22	0	35	0	2
" Union,	1829	Charles W. Jones,	Samuel L. Loomis, *p. c.*	'80	'96	161	353	514	138	12	23	35	4	28	0	32	6	11
" Phillips, South,	1822	W. B. Bancroft,	Charles A. Dinsmore, *p. c.*	'85	'96	193	520	713	100	35	8	43	6	9	0	15	10	9
" Berkeley Temple,	1823	George R. King,	Charles A. Dickinson, *p.c.a*	'79	'88	423	781	1204	400	52	32	84	5	36	0	41	20	10
" Brighton,	1827	Elbra L. Barker,	Adolph A. Berle, *p. c.*	'87	'91	76	152	228	0	6	10	16	3	6	0	9	0	4
" Village, Dorchester,	'27	Frederick M. Swan,	George W. Brooks, *p.*	'77	'90	63	149	212	31	0	4	4	1	1	0	2	0	5
" Winth'p, Charlest'n,	'33	Norman Q. Stewart,	William B. Forbush, *p.c.*	'92	'98	93	309	402	90	3	2	5	9	9	4	22	1	1
" Eliot, Roxbury,	1834	James S. Barrows,	August'sC.Thompson *p.c.*	'42	'42	120	258	378	84	6	3	9	5	6	0	11	1	3
" Central,	1835	Arthur G. Stanwood,	Edward L. Clark, *p. c.*	'61	'93	71	169	240	0	0	10	10	8	6	0	14	0	1
" W. Roxbury,	1835	Rev. F. W. Merrick,	Frank W. Merrick, *p. c.*	'91	'93	55	124	179	24	3	19	22	3	5	0	8	2	10
" Maverick, East,	1836	Dea. J. Willard Brown,	Smith Baker, *p. c.*	'60	'93	103	275	378	181	18	5	23	6	63	0	69	6	49
" Mt. Vernon,	1842	Sanford Keith,	Samuel E. Herrick, *p. c.*	'63	'71	129	240	369		4	11	15	8	10	14	32	3	6
" Shawmut,	1845	Charles P. Loring,	{ Edwin B. Webb, *p.c., em.* { William E. Barton, *p. c.*	'50 '85	'60 '93	132	291	423	0	11	29	40	12	26	0	38	8	2
" Jamaica Plain,	1853	James H. Dodge,	Charles L. Morgan, *p. c.*	'76	'94	191	417	608	104	40	16	56	3	17	0	20	17	21
" Immanuel, Roxb'y,	1857	T Franklin Currier,	Charles H. Beale, *p. c.*	'80	'94	102	270	372	80	9	3	12	3	8	36	47	0	8
" Neponset,	1859	Herbert Tucker,	Eugene C. Webster, *p. c.*	'90	'93	38	78	116	32	2	1	3	7	1	0	8	2	11
" Pilgrim, Dorche'r,	1867	Charles H. Crockett,	William H. Allbright, *p.c.*	'79	'90	126	317	443	23	13	15	28	4	20	3	27	7	12
" Highland, Roxb'y,	1869	George W. Basford,	William R. Campbell, *p. c.*	'81	'81	142	322	464	120	22	9	31	4	10	0	14	5	38
" Walnut av., Roxb'y,	'70	C. H. W. Wood,	Albert H. Plumb, *p. c.*	'58	'72	136	282	418	32	38	33	71	8	11	0	19	14	4
" Olivet,	1876	Miss Susan C. Smith,				23	52	75	0	3	3	6	0	2	0	2	0	2
" Boylston, Ja. Plain,	1879	Sylvester R. Crocker,	Ellis Mendell, *p. c.*	'79	'88	78	181	259	70	5	5	10	0	11	0	11	3	11
" *Swed.*,	1881	J. A. Gustafson,	Augustus Lilienberg, *p.*		'98	64	132	196	0	31	0	31	1	33	0	34	0	0
" *Norwegian*,	1885	Ole M. Dahl,	Morten Olsen, *p.*	'95	'94	17	38	55	5	3	0	3	0	1	1	2	0	16
" Allston,	1886	J. H. Ball,	John O. Haarvig, *p. c.*	'83	'95	116	217	333	57	18	7	25	6	8	0	14	11	7
" Harvard, Dorch'r,	1888	Henry N. Marr,	William H Bolster, *p. c.*	'72	'92	40	104	144	15	2	12	14	0	4	0	4	2	1
" Central, Dorch'r,	1888	James H. Landers,	Perley B. Davis, *p.*	'62	'92	46	72	118	17	7	9	16	2	4	0	6	4	8
" Seamen's,	1888	Amelia J. Derby,	Sylvester S.Nickerson, *p.c.*	'76	'88	71	17	88	0	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	6	2

a William S. Kelsey, '85, '91, and Charles H. Washburn, '85, '98, assoc. pastors.

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Berkley,	Caleb D. Babbitt,	70	45	66	30	42	3	10	0	7	7	0	18	87	0	1,045
Berlin,	Charles M. Sawyer,	98	60	50	45	25	15	10	0	7	6	0	7	70	0	1,000
Bernardston,	Alonzo Alford,	95	40	50	21	55	28	18	41	8	7	5	9	171	0	850
Beverly, North,	Charles S. Brown,	178		90	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	43	0	0
" Dane st.,	James H. Moulton,	592	361	425	260	637	125	105	275	275	42	20	700	2,179	0	4,500
" Wash'ton st.,	Samuel Cole,	316	168	260	67	142	10	10	125	25	10	0	450	772	0	2,570
Billerica,	John E. Bull,	110	66	52	35	76	9	0	37	28	21	4	10	185	0	1,228
Blackstone,	Calvin H. Lee,	84	54	75	67	25	14	10	51	8	16	0	0	124	0	967
Blandford. 1st,	Charles B. Hayden,	100	47	40	31	78	5	6	37	25	4	7	10	172	0	2,298
" North,	Harrison L. Pease,	65	54	58	32	2	0	2	2	0	4	0	7	17	0	500
Boston, Ch'st'n,	Henry Brower,	101	71	70	22	119	0	0	43	40	20	0	0	222	1,000	2,700
" Old South,	Nathan B. Day,	589	338			7,122	532	257	19,089	366	250	1,000	7,069	35,685	0	
" 2d, Dorch'r,	William Q. Wales,	1,078	523	540	218	2,405	1,876	285	2,806	813	190	20	1,750	10,145	0	9,600
" Park st.,	J. C. Gordon,	325	193		81	2,100	0	0	2,986	28	0	26	514	5,654	1,000	19,887
" Union,	George B. Haven,	325	214	0	147	1,180	55	108	1,038	830	85	20	200	3,516	0	11,560
" Phillips, South	Percy H. Epler,	979	520	600	391	464	36	36	1,234	39	36	0	130	1,975	0	6,415
" Berkeley Tem.	Hamilton S. Conant,	536	319	600	200	132	0	0	50	10	0	0	800	992	0	10,817
" Brighton,	William F. Humphrey,	324	255	300	152	509	70	103	1,712	127	0	0	290	2,811	0	5,880
" Village, Dorc.	William G. Swan,	231	160	150	153	294	10	0	354	12	0	0	169	839	0	5,312
" Winth'p, C'n,	John F. Briry,	440	277		78	258	125	38	474	150	0	0	570	1,615	0	7,750
" Eliot, Roxb.,	Clarence T. Mooar,	371	219	210	145	625	48	30	978	0	15	0	74	1,770	0	4,358
" Central,	John A. Bennett,	200	150			2,107	526	249	3,703	279	624	0	296	7,784	0	
" W. Roxbury,	George B Graff,	218	158	212	62	404	13	5	475	49	28	86	219	1,279	0	4,798
" Mave'k, East,	Dea. Elmer H. Allen,	425	273	350	171	36	30	20	342	0	12	15	70	525	0	9,280
" Mt. Vernon,	David R. Craig,	176	102	275	100	2,421	0	0	1 575	419	0	57	400	4,872	180	10,000
" Shawmut,	D. E. Curtis,	537	354			1,881	0	0	1,208	230	33	0	0	3,352	0	9,663
" Jamaica Pl.,	J. Wesley Farmer,	802	568	450	214	849	194	73	989	355	159	36	166	2,821	0	9,128
" Imman'l, Rox.	Asa H. Porter,	510	331	250	49	778	128	0	1,209	133	0	0	808	3,056	0	15,000
" Neponset,	Charles H. Horne,	184	105	150	78	69	12	10	236	26	16	0	12	381	0	1,486
" Pilg'm, Dorch.	Ernest L. Miller,	536	355	438	215	346	60	59	387	31	17	0	720	1,620	0	10,576
" High'd, Rox.,	Charles L. Zeigler,	695	330	300	150	334	25	10	405	25	10	0	263	1,072	0	5,092
" Walnut av., R.	Frank O. Whitney,	400	269	200	128	954	143	42	2,354	205	66	3	13	3,780	0	8,777
" Olivet,	A. M. Clement,	150	65	75	26	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	30	39	0	1,250
" Boylston, J. P.	Sylvester Crocker,	440	218	300	81	166	24	29	104	65	25	0	376	789	0	4,102
" *Swed.*,	J. E. Friberg,	200				260	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	310	0	3,300
" *Norw.*,	Morten Olsen,	25	12	40		0	2	0	5	0	0	0	54	61	0	966
" Allston.	Harvey W. Walker,	380	184	300	130	928	10	78	933	12	15	109	75	2,160	0	6,468
" Harvard,	Rev. William H. Bolster,	250	155	180	60	115	0	0	30	270	0	47	262	724	0	4,200
" Central,	James H. Taylor,	236	130	78	35	69	0	16	144	0	15	5	107	356	0	1,900
" Seamen's,	George Marsters,				45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	210	0	0

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Boston, Roslindale,	1890	Dea. H. H. Cole,	Richard B. Grover, *p.*	'81	'91	61	133	194	20	1	6	7	7	8	1	16	0	12
" St. Mark's,	1895																	
" Baker. E. Boston,	1897	Erskine Chown,	James C. Young, *p. c.*	'91	'97	11	43	54		4	50	54	0	0	0	0	1	1
Boxboro', West Acton,	1784	A. W. Wetherbee,				22	33	55	20	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Boxford,	1702	William W. Howe,	Emery L. Bradford, *p. c.*	'92	'92	32	91	123	50	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	2
" West,	1736	Walter I. Chadwick,	Charles L. Hubbard, *p. c.*	'68	'78	23	46	69	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
Boylston,	1743	Mrs. C. Bray, B. Cent.				50	92	142	41	4	1	5	3	1	3	7	3	1
Braintree, 1st,	1707	Dea. Urza B. Keith,	Alfred A. Ellsworth, *p. c.*	'62	'85	44	130	174	30	1	2	3	6	0	0	6	1	9
" South,	1829	Frank A. Reed,	Chas. F. H. Crathern, *p.*	'86	'96	24	67	91		7	18	25	3	1	0	4	4	2
Bridgewater,	1821	Dea. L. A. Darling,	Elbert S. Porter, *p. c.*	'83	'89	83	168	251	67	6	3	9	2	14	0	16	2	2
" Scotland,	1836	Mrs. T. C. Wilbur, B.,	Ira A. Smith, *p.*	'82	'96	11	23	34	15	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1
Brimfield,	1724	Dea. Edward B. Brown,	Robert J. Kyle, *p. c.*	'85	'93	31	51	82	24	0	4	4	6	0	0	6	0	1
Brockton, 1st,	1740	Warren Tirrell,	Alan Hudson, *p. c.*	'92	'96	98	254	352	18	21	21	42	7	6	0	13	12	0
" South, Campello,	1837	Rufus P. Keith,	William T. Beale, *p. c.*	'82	'94	141	275	416	0	42	10	52	4	1	0	5	23	2
" Porter,	1850	Minot W. Niles,	Andrew W. Archibald, *p.c.*	'76	'97	191	403	594	90	17	22	39	11	37	3	1	10	5
" *Swed.*, Campello,	1879	William Allen,	John E. Johnson, *p. c.*	'92	'97	125	170	295	0	33	2	35	3	4	0	7	0	29
" Waldo,	1896	James T. McCaughey,	Robert L. Rae, *p. c.*	'89	'96	25	42	67	0	6	5	11	0	1	0	1	0	6
" Wendell av.,	1897	Davis Kingman,	Edwin L. Noble, *p. c.*	'96	'97	23	49	72	1	29	43	72	0	0	0	0	21	2
" Lincoln,	1897	Earnest Parker,	[Sebastian D. Turner, *Meth.*]		'97	13	14	27	1	8	19	27	0	0	0	0	6	0
Brookfield,	1756	Miss M. Ella Gibson,	Edw. B. Blanchard, *p. c.*	'92	'95	35	98	133	37	1	5	6	3	4	0	7	0	1
Brookline, Harvard,	1844	Edward Sharp,	Reuen Thomas, *p. c. a*	'60	'75	206	455	661	75	8	16	24	6	10	0	16	0	0
" Leyden,	1896	Robert W. Hastings,	Harris G. Hale, *p. c.*	'91	'96	20	47	67	3	2	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	1
Buckland,	1785	Dea. H. L. Warfield,	Edward A. Robinson,	'83	'98	51	107	158	30	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0
Burlington,	1735	Samuel Sewall,	Austin Dodge, *p.*	'66	'95	18	36	54	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Cambridge, 1st,	1636	Charles F. Stratton,	Alex'r McKeuzie, *p. c. b*	'61	'67	249	590	839	0	16	14	30	17	7	0	24	0	9
" Prospect st.,	1827	E. Sidney Berry,	Reuben A. Beard, *p. c.*	'79	'97	113	271	384	103	2	2	1	0	6	28	34	0	0
" North av.,	1857	John F. Eaton,				154	291	445	80	0	11	11	2	18	0	20	0	0
" Pilgrim,	1865	Dea. Daniel S. Coolidge,	Frank E. Ramsdell, *p. c.*	'91	'96	228	403	631	132	12	21	33	12	21	0	33	2	4
" Wood Memorial,	1872	Dea. Abijah R. Buck,	Isaiah W. Sneath, *p. c.*	'84	'87	99	195	294	59	29	13	42	2	8	0	10	10	40
" Hope,	1890	H. H. Abbott,	Charles M. Carpenter, *p.*	'90	'93	41	64	105	8	11	4	15	3	4	1	8	0	3
Canton,	1828	Abner Morse,	M. Angelo Dougherty, *p.*	'69	'97	27	77	104	37	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	0	0
Carlisle,	1781	W. A. Prescott,	Lyman Mevis, *p.*	'91	'94	20	35	55	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	2
Carver, North,	1733	Theron M. Cole,	Washington H. Forbes, *p.*	'81	'97	13	32	45	4	9	3	12	7	0	1	8	8	0
Charlemont, 1st,	1788	Dea. J. H. Smead,	William R. Joyslin, *p.*	'64	'96	31	55	86	9	0	2	2	2	5	0	7	0	0
" East,	1845	Mrs. Lyman Whiting,	Lyman Whiting, *p.*	'43	'89	17	38	55	11	1	2	3	4	6	0	10	1	0
Charlton,	1761	Mrs. E. Y. W. Spencer,	George O. Jenness, *p.*	'61	'96	14	45	59	24	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	1
Chatham,	1720	Mrs. Lorrilla Hardy,	Daniel W. Richardson, *p.*	'62	'96	24	54	78	17	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0
Chelmsford, North,	1824	Dea. Charles H. Holt,				20	48	68	15	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	3
" Central,	1876	A. B. Woodworth,	Ernest C. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'96	'96	29	70	99	13	3	9	12	2	0	0	2	0	0
Chelsea, 1st,	1841	Waldo E. Pratt,	Ross C. Houghton, *p. c.*	'69	'95	98	287	385	60	20	2	22	4	7	0	11	13	9

a Oliver D. Sewall, asst. p., '92, '97. *b* Leonard S. Parker, asst. p., '38, '86.

Bradford *see* Haverhill. Byfield, *see* Newbury. Campello, *see* Brockton. Centreville, *see* Barnstable. Charlestown, *see* Boston.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Boston, Roslind'e	William J. Wilson,	320	207	250	110	110	0	15	115	0	0	0	75	315	0	
" Garrison Mem.															0	
" Baker,	George Taylor,	300	175	300	90											
Boxboro,	Martin E. Wood,	68	40	26	21	44	0	0	34	5	4	0	7	94	0	505
Boxford,	H. N. Towne,	100	70	101		36	0	11	43	51	34	10	50	235	0	1,700
" West,	Nathan B. Sargent,	70	30	75	24	84	4	3	19	60	0	0	20	190	0	
Boylston,	C. H. Andrews, B. Centre,	m140		110	50	35	0	5	47	61	8	3	46	205	0	1,400
Braintree, 1st,	Charles S. Bates,	247	175	150	43	140	20	17	408	24	50	0	0	659	0	3,893
" South,	Dea. H. B. Whitman,	251	160	150	40	38	10	6	146	20	14	7	40	281	0	2,500
Bridgewater,	Wm. D. Jackson,	200	100	135	128	89	14	0	132	50	25	0	190	500	1,000	2,156
" Scotland,	W. H. H. Andrews,	40	30	40	37	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	16	24	0	700
Brimfield,	George H. Streeter,	105	66	51	40	59	34	12	21	21	15	0	0	162	500	1,200
Brockton, 1st,	Arthur N. Whitney,	370	251	515	175	77	0	0	176	0	13	0	556	822	0	92,000
" So. Campello,	Harold C. Childs,	m865	416	375	250	246	15	39	167	73	37	55	533	1,165	0	5,500
" Porter,	Charles H. Jenney,	835	490		227	393	14	90	712	125	84	0	896	2,314	0	8,431
" *Swed.*, Camp.	C. Norlinz,	237		110	74	168	0	0	0	485	0	0	320	973	0	2,550
" Waldo,	Charles E. Johnson,	236	143		150	10	0	0	0	6	0	0	140	156	0	1,700
" Wendell av.,	Charles Williamson,	184	112	150	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,700
" Lincoln,	Henry F. Chavis,	27	15	22		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,325
Brookfield,	Edward B. Hale,	140	95	92	70	53	261	5	10	17	10	0	70	426	0	115
Brookline, Har'd,	Rev. Oliver D. Sewall,	850	550	510	206	4,100	275	104	4,363	656	729	0	8,200	18,427	0	1,500
" Leyden.	Morris A. Hall,	65	42	75	26	162	45	55	366	66	0	0	0	694	0	17,000
Buckland,	Dea Edmand F. Smith,	115	65	124	45	38	5	5	22	12	0	0	19	111	0	5,100
Burlington,	Thomas I. Reed,	75	40	75	50	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	850
Cambridge, 1st,	Charles W. Spencer,	475	338		180	1,632	142	209	3,110	258	817	0	1,838	8,006	0	1,200
" Prospect st.,	Allyne L. Merrill,	330	180	240	130	595	40	46	929	110	150	0	111	1,981	75	9,600
" North av.,	James Morrison,	497	310	300	99	689	174	0	541	256	0	92	228	1,980	0	4,620
" Pilgrim,	George B. Caswell,	536	360	450	192	193	85	68	127	182	56	0	211	922	0	7,230
" Wood Mem.	A. Lawrence Ball,	480	317		125	85	37	2	36	12	1	2	160	335	0	0
" Hope,	William White,	180	106	30	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,506
Canton,	Miss Jennie F. Ellis,	128	67	100	65	0	0	0	51	21	0	0	0	72	0	0
Carlisle,	Warren B. Chamberlin,	92	50	50	28	16	0	0	15	5	16	0	7	59	0	1,278
Carver, North,	Edgar S. Gardner,	60	38	54	14	30	0	0	30	0	6	0	22	88	60	509
Charlemont, 1st,	Dea. E. N. Hawkes,	95	63	107	20	32	0	0	40	0	15	0	7	94	0	850
" East,	Everett T. Packard,	65	43	49	43	28	10	18	39	13	25	4	127	264	0	450
Charlton,	M. Daniel Woodbury,	47	21	38	51	25	0	2	9	8	0	3	10	57	0	665
Chatham,	Dea. Levi Atwood,	83	40	60	63	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	7	31	0	865
Chelmsford, N.,	Dea. Arthur H. Sheldon,	95	60	0	59	4	0	1	15	6	0	0	0	26	0	1,430
Chelmsford, Cen'l	Samuel Hagerman,	153	114	87	87	73	0	18	23	0	11	11	0	136	0	1,277
Chelsea, 1st,	Arthur C. Stone, h m	669	364	406	107	201	0	7	234	27	5	0	560	1,034	3,000	6,558

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City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Chelsea, Central,	1851	Walter S. Baldwin,	Rob't A. MacFadden, *p. c.*	'96	'98	171	558	729	103	72	31	103	11	28	10	49	35	15
" 3d,	1877	Jacob Pratt, jr.,	Samuel M. Cathcart, *p. c.*	'96	'96	44	113	157	0	4	10	14	4	9	0	13	2	9
Chester, 1st,	1769	Dea. A. S. Foote,	Edward C. Haynes, *p.*	'82	'93	13	15	28	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" 2d,	1844	Edward O. Redfield,	Thomas D. Murphy, *p.*	'68	'93	31	77	108	17	6	5	11	1	4	12	17	4	4
Chesterfield,	1764	Mrs. Wm. Baker,	Hanson E. Thygeson, *p.*	'87	'95	30	54	84	13	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	2	0
Chicopee, 1st,	1752	Rev. C. G. Burnham,	Collins G. Burnham, *p. c.*	'79	'98	25	52	77	20	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	1
" Falls,	1830	Arthur B. West,	Hervey G. Pillsbury, *p.c.*	'82	'95	66	115	181	20	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	0	0
" 3d,	1834	James L. Pease,				54	148	202	102	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0
Clinton,	1844	Edward L. Greene,	William W. Jordan, *p. c.*	'84	'93	160	321	481	87	11	8	19	9	9	0	18	6	12
" *German*,	1897	Henry Wessels,	Frank C. F. Scherff, *p.*	'76	'87	21	30	51	1	0	51	51	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colrasset,	1824	Warren L. Tower,	E. Victor Bigelow, *p. c.*	'91	'91	31	103	134	20	6	5	11	1	2	10	13	3	5
" Beechwood,	1863	Mrs. Clara Hyland, *b*	Frank Park,	'95	'98	6	29	35	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Coleraine,	1750	Dea. A. H. Temple, *a*	Charles M. Crooks, *p.*	'97	'96	12	32	44	12	0	7	7	1	1	1	3	0	0
Concord,	1826	Ole O. Thorpe,	George A. Tewksbury, *p.*	'63	'91	63	136	199		17	1	18	3	7	0	10	3	15
Conway,	1768	Henry W. Billings,	Eugene F. Hunt, *p.*	'84	'95	72	122	194	33	13	0	13	2	4	2	8	10	1
Cummington,	1839	Mrs. Julia Porter,	Joseph W. Strout, *p.*	'86	'94	36	70	106	12	2	2	4	2	6		8	2	
" West,	1840	Mrs S. D. Benjamin,	Joseph W. Strout, *p.*	'86	'94	7	26	33	8	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Dalton,	1785	Dea. Henry A. Barton,	George W. Andrews, *p.*	'82	'83	113	218	331	34	17	12	29	5	4	0	9	8	7
Dana,	1852	N. L. Johnson,	Harlan Page, *p.*	'83	'93	5	14	19	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2
Danvers Centre,	1689	Edward A. H. Grover,	Harry C. Adams, *p. c.*	'89	'97	51	139	190	29	0	2	2	1	5	0	6	0	2
" Maple st.,	1844	John S. Learoyd,	Edward C. Ewing, *p. c.*	'63	'83	112	273	385	37	4	1	5	15	2	0	17	4	6
Dartmouth, South,	1807	Wauton H. Gray,	Simeon B. Dunn, *p.*	'75	'97	16	38	54	11	2	5	7	0	1	0	1	2	0
Dedham,	1638	Miss Sarah B. Baker,	Joseph B. Seabury, *p. c.*	'75	'85	83	196	279	48	3	0	3	3	7	0	10	1	0
Deerfield, South,	1818	Henry A. Field,	Edward O. Grisbrook,	'93	'98	54	105	159	22	2	1	3	3	5	0	8	1	1
"	1835	B. Z. Stebbins, jr.,	Andrew Campbell, *p.*	'96	'96	20	49	69	12	0	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	2
Dennis, South,	1817	Miss E. H. Underwood,	Joseph S. Gove, *p.*	'93	'97	4	33	37	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Union,	1866	Nathan A. Howes,	[Lucius H. Bugbee, *Lic.*]		'97	7	33	40	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dighton, North,	1710	George E. Gooding,	Granville Yager, *p.*	'78	'95	18	39	57	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Douglas,	1747	Mrs. Laura E. Balcom,	[George O. Crosby, *Meth.*]			5	27	32	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" East,	1834	Dea. Edwin Moore,	[Charles P. Pierce, *Lic.*]		'97	43	64	107	17	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0
Dover,	1839	George L. Howe,	Edwin Leonard, *p.*	'52	'92	22	26	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dracut, 1st,	1721	Dea. Silas R. Coburn,	Ernest L. Baker, *p. c.*	'94	'94	14	47	61	10	2	2	4		3	0	3	2	2
" Central,	1847	William H. Stickney,	Frederick I. Kelley,	'89	'97	38	64	102	18	6	12	18	1	1	0	2	3	3
Dudley,	1732	Dea. Wm. H. Upham,				20	57	77	21	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0
Dunstable,	1757	Lyman V. Parkhurst,	Bartlett H. Weston, *p.*	'90	'91	25	51	76	8	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	1
Duxbury,	1843	John H Haverstock,	Solomon G. Merrick, *p.*	'86	'95	14	62	76	13	3	3	6	3	0	0	3	3	0
East Bridgewater,	1826	James S. Allen,	Frank H. Palmer, *p.*	'80	'93	45	60	105	25	4	0	4	3	1	0	4	4	0
Easthampton, 1st,	1785	Henry L. Lyman,	Sumner G. Wood, *p. c.*	'80	'89	96	231	327	55	5	7	12	8	9	3	20	5	7
Easthampton, Payson,	1852	Charles H. Johnson,	Charles H. Hamlin, *p. c.*	'76	'85	126	333	459	75	8	4	12	7	13		20	3	10
East Longmeadow,	1829	Arthur G. Crane,	Harry C. McKnight, *p.*	'85	'98	36	59	95	26	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0

a Griswoldville. *b* N. Scituate. Chiltonville, *see* Plymouth. Clarendon Hills, *see* Hyde Park. Curtisville, *see* Stockbridge. Dorchester, *see* Boston.

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Chelsea, Central,	George H. Buck,	n1,104	504	900	162	600	109	71	1,035	34	5	27	424	2 345	0	8,997
" 3d,	Richard Burns,	275	171		42	33	0	5	22	24	0	5	390	479	0	2,225
Chester, 1st,	Edward C. Haynes,	35	21	22	0	0	2	0	6	0	7	0	0	15	0	250
" 2d,	Fred A. Mixer,	212	140	91	60	17	0	0	50	13	12	0	58	150	0	1,283
Chesterfield,	William H. Baker,	85	42	125	37	54	0	3	9	2	1	5	0	74	0	1,235
Chicopee, 1st,	Rev. Collins G. Burnham,	65	44	42	0	50	15	14	36	20	5	5	11	156	0	1,101
" Falls,	Fred M. Nichols,	203	125	145	40	151	136	44	269	88	29	7	272	996	0	3,440
" 3d,	C. O. Brodeur,	155	92	115	50	55	89	0	182	191	0	105	1,132	1,754	0	3,000
Clinton,	Thomas G. Mayberry,	626	431	350	126	317	118	26	228	162	16	14	1,145	2,026	0	4,279
" *German*,	Rev. F. C. F. Scherff,	115	85	50	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	420
Cohasset,	Philander Bates,	140	80	135	100	150	9	11	178	13	2	7	34	404	0	2,022
" Beechwood,	Rev. John Wriston,	90	45	60	55	0	0	5	7	0	2	0	5	19	0	510
Coleraine,	L. Griswold, **Griswoldville,**	60	24	80	25	16	0	3	18	5	1	0	15	58	0	1,356
Concord,	Charles H. Towle,	200	143	196	81	266	23	14	275	94	18	28	124	842	0	3,769
Conway,	Dea. E. W. Hamilton,	165	103	90	75	76	36	20	49	68	30	4	136	419	0	1,650
Cummington,	Mrs. Sarah Streeter,		88	50		10	3	0	14	14	5	0	8	54	0	0
" West,	A. N. Hubbard,	30	20	30		0	0	0	17	0	1			18	0	180
Dalton,	Payson E. Little,	415	243	275	200	2,300	1,500	163	1,971	825	171	132	750	7,812	0	3,500
Dana,	Forest A. Hicks, **Michewaug,**	25	20	30	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	290
Danvers Centre,	Edward A. H. Grover,	245	122	180	49	85	80	2	63	3	5	0	72	310	0	2,326
" Maple st.,	George W. Fiske,	561	362	290	201	611	437	66	453	318	101	19	355	2,360	0	4,169
Dartmouth, So.,	E. B. Sturtevant,	65	32	100	80	8	0	0	5	0	0	0	20	33	0	4,225
Dedham,	James Y. Noyes,	218	159	180	84	1,021	110	52	1,263	135	125	58	266	3,030	0	4,044
Deerfield, South,	Arthur G. Clapp,	210	91	125	48	93	18	26	123	67	3	41	15	386	0	1,339
"	John J. Greenough,	48	33	51	25											
Dennis, South,	William E. Baker,	60	40	60	0	18	0	0	4	2	6	0	0	30	0	800
" Union,	Nathan A. Howes,	m155	55	50	50	16	0	0	3	6	0	0	12	37	0	825
Dighton, North,	George A. Clark,	76	46	40	24	72	0	0	12	37	5	9	251	386	0	1,005
Douglas,	Laura E. Balcom,	35	20	35	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	200
" East,	Walter A. Harris,	110	76	125	67	76	4	6	37	20	9	4	47	203	0	1,580
Dover,	George L. Howe,	58	35	43	42	10	0	3	14	3	0	0	7	37	0	400
Dracut, 1st,	Dea. Charles L. Hodge,	126	100	100	36	3	4	7	8	1	7	4	5	39	0	850
" Central,	Calvin Richardson,	201	160	92	34	15	0	0	7	10	0	0	0	32	0	12,195
Dudley,	Charles E. Bateman,	146	64	70	49	19	2	0	7	1	1	0	2	32	0	1,180
Dunstable,	George A. Glover,	80	53	0	46	102	9	14	70	32	35	0	54	316	0	1,355
Duxbury,	Miss Sara B. Higgins,	75	55	105	50	20	0	0	38	0	0	0	56	114	0	1,171
E. Bridgewater,	James Sidney Allen,	h127	56		59	44	7	0	9	7	6	3	3	79	0	1,400
Easthampton, 1st,	H. J. Porter,	314	148	200	96	196	86	59	140	175	11	0	198	865	0	2,857
Easthamp'n, P'n,	Samuel Brown,	278	197	200	94	349	30	46	379	108	13	19	177	1,121	0	3,777
E. Longmeadow,	Dea. F. C. Davis,	110	76	70	74	46	3	2	24	0	9	0	0	84	0	800

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Easton,	1725	Dea. E. B. Hayward,*a*	Augustus H. Fuller, *p.*	'78	'92	53	106	159	18	10	3	13	5	2	1	+8	9	1
" *Swedish*, North,	1883	William Borg,	Emil Holmblad, *p.*	'84	'92	19	14	33	2	0	0	0	0	3	6	9	0	19
Edgartown,	1642	Theo. S. Winpenny,				20	51	71	7	0	3	3	1	1	0	+2	0	0
Egremont, South,	1816	Roscoe C. Taft,	Bruce W. Cronmiller, *p.*	'93	'96	28	64	92		2	0	2	0	0	0	-0	3	4
Enfield,	1789	F. D. Thayer,	George H. Hubbard, *p.*	'84	'96	74	148	222	43	10	5	15	8	6	0	-14	3	13
Erving,	1832	Rev. J. W. Brownville,	John W. Brownville, *p.*	'73	'92	20	43	63	14	1	1	2	0	1	0	-1	0	0
Essex,	1683	Rufus Choate,	William J. Murray, *p.*	'79	'96	31	96	127	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	-2	0	1
Everett, 1st,	1848	Franklin Pierce,	William I. Sweet, *p.*	'87	'97	137	239	376	0	9	9	18	14	17	0	-31	3	12
" Courtland st.,	1891	Geo. R. F. Nichols,	Richard H. McGown, *p.*	'82	'95	20	26	46	3	6	4	10	1	2	0	-3	2	1
" Mystic Side,	1893	George H. Wood,				47	89	136	12	8	7	15	0	10	1	-11	5	7
Fairhaven,	1794	Tucker Damon,	William H. Brodhead, *p.*	'79	'97	30	86	116	12	0	0	0	1	8	0	-9	0	0
Fall River, 1st,	1816		William W. Adams, *p. c.*	'60	'63	60	193	253	26	5	7	12	1	2	0	-3	3	1
" Central,	1842	James W. Brigham,	William Knight, *p. c.*, *c*	'86	'97	187	365	552	75	12	14	26	8	4	0	-12	2	51
" Fowler,	1874	Walter E. Tripp,	Payson W. Lyman, *p. c.*	'71	'89	17	71	88	24	0	1	1	0	1	0	△1	0	1
" *French*,	1886	Joseph M. Adam,	Samuel P. Rondeau, *p.*	'92	'96	28	35	63	2	17	0	17	0	2	1	+3	12	21
" Broadway,	1894		Henry G. Megathlin, *p. c.*	'96	'96	14	62	76	8	1	6	7	0	5	4	-9	0	1
Falmouth, 1st,	1708	Dea. George E. Clark,				43	110	153	35	3	0	3	6	1	0	-7	3	3
" East,	1821	Dea. W. W. Eldridge,*b*				9	26	35	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0	0	0
" North,	1833	Dea. Jas. W. Witherell,	Ezra N. Smith, *p.*	'72	'90	18	37	55	13	0	1	1	3	0	0	-3	0	0
" Waquoit,	1849	Jno. B. Fisher,				17	35	52	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	△0	0	0
" Woods Holl,	1880	Mrs. W. Bowles,	George S. Dodge, *p.*	'92	'92	16	18	34	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	0	0
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	1768	George A. Hitchcock,	George R. Hewitt, *p.*	'86	'94	165	288	453	0	12	14	26	4	6	0	+10	0	10
" Rollstone,	1868	Frank C. Hoyt,	William O. Conrad, *p. c.*	'90	'96	186	375	561	80	14	22	36	9	11	1	+21	8	8
" *German*,	1889	Christian Moeckel,	S. Hermann Schwab, *p.*	'89	'88	20	52	72	0	13	0	13	0	0	0	+12	1	13
" *Swedish*,	1892	Evald Remgren,	[John Axelson],		'97	47	63	110	8	13	0	13	3	9	5	-17	0	5
Foxboro',	1779	Dea. Horace Carpenter,	James W. Flagg, *p.*	'82	'93	71	197	268	52	13	7	20	3	2	2	+7	8	2
Framingham,	1701	Rev. L. R. Eastman,	Lucius R. Eastman, *p. c.*	'62	'71	76	199	275	23	6	1	7	3	2	0	+5	3	2
" Saxonville,	1833	Dea. J. B. Johnson,	George A. Brock, *p. c.*	'91	'91	37	121	158	37	5	2	7	1	0	0	+1	1	5
" South,	1873	Fred L. Oakes,	Frederick E. Emrich, *p. c.*	'75	'89	137	258	395	48	7	9	16	3	8	1	-12	5	11
Franklin, 1st,	1738	Dea. J. Herbert Baker,	Charles W. Longren, *p.*	'87	'94	90	242	332	75	3	19	22	5	5	0	-10	3	7
Freetown, Assonet,	1807	Gilbert M. Nichols,	Franklin K. Beem, *p.*	'95	'95	7	13	20	5	0	0	0	2	1	1	-4	0	0
Gardner,	1786	H. H. Smith, W. G.,	Burton S. Gilman, *p. c.*	'97	'97	133	256	389	46	2	10	12	3	10	0	-13	2	0
Georgetown, 1st,	1732					33	101	134	32	3	2	5	1	1	0	+2	0	1
" Memorial,	1864	Dea. Henry Hilliard,	C. Julian Tuthill, *p.*	'94	'95	33	82	115	23	3	0	3	4	3	0	-7	1	0
Gill,	1796	Mrs. E. L. Moore,	William H. Dowden, *p.*	'63	'98	10	22	32	3	3	2	5	1	0	6	-7	1	0
Gloucester, West,	1716	W. H. R. Rust,	Temple Cutler, *p.*	'61	'95	20	30	50	9	0	1	1	1	1	0	-2	0	0
" Trinity,	1829	John J. Pew,	Rufus P. Hibbard, *p. c.*	'68	'88	85	246	331	32	9	9	18	2	6	1	+9	3	6
Gloucester, Lanesville,	1830	Francis Reid,	Frank H. Reed, *p. c.*	'86	'85	38	81	119	36	3	0	3	0	2	0	+2	2	3
" Magnolia,	1887	George A. Upton,	James E. Enman, *p. c.*	'95	'95	10	24	34	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	+0	2	2
Goshen,	1780	C. Nelson Shaw,	Calvin Keyser,	'75	'98	23	33	56	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	-2	0	3

a **Eastondale.** *b* **Hatchville.** c Edwin A. Buck, asst. pastor, '54, '67. Feeding Hills, *see* Agawam. Florence, *see* Northampton. Gilbertville, *see* Hardwick.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Easton,	Edward B. Hayward,*a*	m325	180	250	102	152	24	13	158	38	30	8	60	483	0	1,400
" *S.*, North,	William Borg,	110	85	50		20	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	47	0	505
Edgartown,	Mrs. H. R. F. Shepard,	75	40	50	20	18	0	0	10	5	2	0	5	40	0	775
Egremont, South,	C. G. Dalzell,	94	58	50	46	62	9	6	6	10	6	0	63	162	0	
Enfield,	R. L. Thayer,	234	143	150	45	303	34	17	219	274	13	17	275	1,152	0	2,095
Erving,	William W. Brown,	128	82	121	41	0	0	0	17	5	0	0	15	37	0	575
Essex,	Gardiner Burnham,	158	100	138	101	24	0	0	21	9	0	0	136	190	0	1,750
Everett, 1st,	George S. Marshall,	h970	413	400	243	141	15	2	121	65	13	24	58	439	0	4,118
" Courtland st.	John M. Finch,	153	100	125	59	3	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	13	0	951
" Mystic Side,	Fred H. Nowers,	273	175	183	46	55	10	13	29	12	12	5	22	158	100	2,703
Fairhaven,	Robert W. Taber,	129	82		50	30	0	18	30	0	7	0	4	89	0	1,115
Fall River, 1st,	G. Frank Allen,	345	196	180	186	903	735	63	2,075	79	33	0	2,676	6,564	0	6,310
" Cen'l,	Clinton V. S. Remington,	849	537	450	78	1,340	95	112	2,494	414	107	0	430	4,992	0	10,000
" Fowler,	Frederick W. Lawson,	160	106	80	35	89	0	0	98	23	31	0	230	471	0	1,520
" *French*,	Rev. S. P. Rondeau,	78	48	33	0	0	6	0	55	0	0	0	0	61	0	190
" Broadway,	William H. Ives,	88	68	30	47	8	0	0	12	4	0	0	0	24	0	450
Falmouth, 1st,	Dea. S. A. Holton,	152	82	125	69	121	14	23	147	29	33	6	44	417	200	1,750
" East,	William F. Robinson,	22	4	12	22	12	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	19	0	400
" North,	Dea. Silas Hatch,	50	35	50	20	50	0	0	33	4	8	0	15	110	0	840
" Waquoit,	Alexander Crocker,	22	15	33	0	12	0	0	10	0	3	0	0	25	0	300
" Woods Holl,	Willis C. Gifford,	40	27	25	48	4	0	0	13	3	0	0	22	42	0	
Fitchburg, Calv.	Albert C. Brown,	360	200		110	241	63	55	511	114	70	0	487	1,541	0	7,133
" Rollstone,	Charles A. Tilton,	595	347	500	157	254	15	27	626	144	8	21	204	1,299	0	5,535
" *German*,	S. H. Schwab,	125	84	70	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	41	0	570
" *Swedish*,	W. Pellerson,	108	90	50	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	113	0	2,135
Foxboro',	Benjamin F. Boyden,	265	163	193	99	177	7	20	99	113	17	24	181	638	0	2,978
Framingham,	Harry D. Eastman,	140	72	140	48	493	27	34	763	223	37	0	208	1,785	2,000	2,506
" Saxonville,	Arthur C. Winch,	114	83	100	72	88	2	6	171	23	2	5	71	368	0	1,600
" South,	Alfred J. Heath,	514	279	325	101	325	29	47	355	134	57	20	1,051	2,018	0	5,715
Franklin, 1st,	William H. Colby,	258	155	175	92	121	8	14	40	39	28	0	129	379	0	2,500
Freetown, Ass't,	Miss Florence M. Dean,	15	10	15	20	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	215
Gardner,	C. C. Rathburn,	268	218	350	230	284	182	23	262	92	31	4	492	1,370	0	5,200
Georgetown, 1st,	E. S. Daniels,	120	76	150	21	38	0	0	60	20	11	0	0	129	0	2,100
" Memorial,	Lewis H. Giles,	176	115	147	45	82	73	9	88	35	0	0	76	363	0	1,662
Gill,	Lyman Hale,	35	25	22	28	24	0	0	0	15	2	0	0	41	0	600
Gloucester, West,	Walter Haskell,	60	33			27	0	0	10	0	0	0	11	48	0	
" Trinity,	John Cunningham,	605	401	380	100	266	56	91	1,647	146	50	41	1,603	3,900	11,900	4,945
Gloucester, L'v'le	Joseph H. Andrews,	183	93	115	65	57	0	0	10	0	8	0	60	135	0	975
" Magnolia,	Robert W. Boyd,	60	35	52	40	5	2	0	12	5	0	0	2	26	0	1,000
Goshen,	August D. Cordtsen,	50	30	30	26	2	0	0	5	2	5	0	15	29	0	875

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Grafton,	1731	Mrs.H.CatherineAllen,	Benjamin A. Robie, *p.*	'66	'84	40	102	142	35	5	4	9	4	2	0	6	0	1
" Saundersville,	1860	William E. Fowler,	Daniel Howie, *p.*	'89	'93	41	78	119	31	4	9	13	2	1	0	3	3	1
Granby,	1762	Simeon Kellogg,	Robert C. Bell, *p.*	'69	'92	78	131	209	43	10	0	11	6	3	0	9	2	1
Granville, East,	1747	Mrs. J. W. Johnson,	Wallace H. Steerns, *p. c.*	'97	'97	13	29	42	13	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0
" West,	1781	Rev. S. B. Andrews,	Samuel B. Andrews, *p.*	'68	'96	23	34	57	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Great Barrington,	1743	J. W. Curtiss,	Leon D. Bliss, *p. c.*	'89	'96	83	203	286	57	15	10	25	4	3	0	7	6	11
" Housatonic,	1841	Thomas E. Brown,	Arthur J. Benedict, *p.*	'75	'92	60	122	182	28	7	0	7	2	2	3	7	1	1
Greenfield, 1st,	1754	Chas. W. Dinsmore,	Carey H. Watson, *p.*	'91	'90	30	52	82	25	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	5
" 2d,	1817	Solon L. Newton,	G. Glenn Atkins, *p.*	'95	'94	91	216	307	52	10	3	13	9	5	0	14	3	1
Greenwich,	1749	Walter H. Glazier,	Lawrence Perry, *p.*	'94	'94	24	73	97	18	1	1	2	3	4	0	7	1	0
Groton,	1664	Dea. D. P. Keyes,	Louis B. Voorhees, *p. c.*	'71	'93	59	132	191	37	12	2	14	8	0	0	8	6	5
" West.	1893	Mrs. M. E. Williams,	Alfred S. Hudson,	'67	'95	7	9	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Groveland,	1727	Dea. W. B. Ladd,	Alexander Sloan, jr., *p.*	'97	'97	26	74	100	18	2	2	4	4	2	1	7	2	2
Hadley, 1st,	1659	Martin S. Pierce,	Edward E. Keedy, *p.*	'94	'94	64	128	192	42	15	8	23	3	5	0	8	10	1
" 2d, North,	1831	O. W. Prouty,	John W. Lane, *p. c.*	'60	'77	58	81	139	43	4	3	7	0	1	0	1	1	2
Halifax,	1734	Miss M. J. Danforth,	Jesse H. Jones, *p.*	'61	'97	13	37	50	16	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	0
Hamilton,	1714	Joseph P. Lovering,	Jesse G. Nichols, *p. c.*	'94	'94	35	69	104	33	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Hampden,	1785	Dea. A. B. Newell,	James B. Sargent, *p. c.*	'97	'97	23	47	70	13	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0
Hanover, West,	1728	Dea. Francis B. Ellis,	Edward D. Disbrow, *p.*	'92	'95	14	49	63	6	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	4
" Four Corners,	1854	Henry B. Barstow,	John Wild, *p.*	'92	'92	16	32	48	9	2	6	8	0	0	1	1	0	3
Hanson,	1748	George W. Severance,	Charles S. Bates, *p.*	'90	'96	10	30	40	4	0	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0
Hardwick,	1736	Rev. H. Page,	Harlan Page. *p.*	'83	'91	12	39	51	0	1	5	6	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Gilbertville,	1867	Alfred H. Richardson,	Dwight C. Stone, *p. c.*	'88	'95	46	73	119	41	0	4	4	3	6	0	9	0	8
Harvard,	1821	Dea. J. W. Bacon,	Charles C. Torrey, *p.*	'55	'86	26	44	70	11	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1
Harwich,	1747	Dea.W. H. Underwood.	George Y. Washburn, *p.*	'82	'96	14	53	67	8	25	11	36	1	1	0	2	16	1
" Port,	1855	Mrs. Emulous Small,	Edward T. Ford, *p. c.*	'97	'97	5	38	43	5	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	3	0
Hatfield,	1671	Dea. James Porter,	Robert M. Woods, *p. c.*	'77	'76	95	181	276	33	2	2	4	5	3		8	1	3
Haverhill, Bradford,	1682	Dea. S. W. Carleton,	John D. Kingsbury, *p. c.*	'56	'66	142	303	445	43	3	1	4	7	2	0	9	2	5
" West,	1735	Edward Webster,	John N. Lowell, *p. c.*	'77	'80	57	88	145	33	7	2	9	3	1	1	5	6	1
" 4th,	1744	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	7	15	22	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
" Centre,	1833	Charles N. Dyer,	Calvin M. Clark, *p. c.*	'90	'93	116	321	437	43	4	5	9	5	4	0	9	4	5
" North,	1859	George C. How,				132	368	500	0	8	9	17	10	13	0	23	6	0
" Riverside,	1884	H. W. Ford,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	22	58	80	9	4	2	6	1	0	0	1	4	0
" Union,	1891	Warren B. Chadwick,	Albert F. Newton,	'77	'98	25	70	95	3	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	1	1
" St. John's, *French*,'93		Edward Thain,	Eugene L. Raiche, *p.*	'97	'96	10	12	22	0	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	0
" Ward Hill,	1893	Dea. J. Harlan Chase,	Charles Clark, *p. c.*	'94	'97	22	48	70	4	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	2	1
Hawley,	1778	Mrs. F. S. Bissell,	John A. Pogue, *p.*	'96	'96	20	36	56	11	4	0	4	1	2	0	3	3	0
" West,	1825	Willis Vincent,	Thomas S. Robie, *p.*	'59	'96	23	32	55	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1
Hingham,	1847	Mrs. W. A. Vining.	Charles Olmstead, *p.*	'83	'97	36	64	100	15	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0
" Bethany, Nantasket,	1891	Mrs. Marcia P. Beal,	Cecil Harper, *p.*	'79	'92	6	15	21	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hinsdale,	1795	James Hosmer,	James H. Laird, *p. c.*	'64	'83	71	126	197	63	4	0	4	3	3	0	6	2	0
Holbrook,	1856	Seth C. Sawyer,	Warren Low, *p. c.*	'94	'94	78	170	248	35	4	3	7	8	3	0	11	3	1

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Grafton,	William Loynd,	134	101	109	62	177	16	20	79	36	31	221	0	580	0	2,297
" Saundersville,	William E. Fowler,	193	130	114	127	33	4	10	10	5	9	0	407	478	0	2,376
Granby,	George F. Eastman,	236	80	104	61	68	167	0	158	69	6	35	46	549	725	1,500
Granville, East,	Wallace H. Sterns,	25	15	45	19	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	917
" West.	Frank L. Ives,	28	18	42	10	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	385
Great Barrington	Edgar Baldwin,	217	132	210	90	110	62	0	35	108	42	29	716	1,102	0	3,935
" Housatonic,	Thomas E. Brown,	230	158	130	80	205	74	0	208	50	31	0	283	851	0	2,269
Greenfield, 1st,	Mary E. Arms,	86	48	70	27	62	10	0	40	33	10	0	68	223	0	743
" 2d,	George H. Kaulback,	283	234	300	85	249	187	54	316	135	54	0	280	1,275	0	4,800
Greenwich,	Walter H. Glazier,	60	48	50	35	15	0	0	50	0	31	0	63	159	0	700
Groton,	Henry H. Gay,	100	59	110	29	247	130	80	383	71	43	0	180	1,134	500	1,776
" West,	Charles Bixby,	70	40	30	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	314
Groveland,	Charles S. Huntress,	133	86	150	27	49	0	0	0	34	0	0	14	97	7,000	1,500
Hadley, 1st,	J. Archer Crosier,	125	85	98	75	178	18	9	105	41	12	4	15	382	0	1,250
" 2d, North,	Rev. J. W. Lane,	75	46	72	35	9	0	0	10	10	0	0	15	44	0	700
Halifax,	James I. Thomas,	56	25	70	36	42	0	0	7	0	5	0	17	71	0	378
Hamilton,	Joseph P. Lovering,	125	50	160	107	48	0	0	32	0	20	0	31	131	0	3,224
Hampden,	A. B. Newell,	52	26	45	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	676
Hanover, West,	James Richmond,	85	48	80	55	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	19	0	925
" Four Corners,	Israel Hatch,	56	35	50	30	26	3	2	3	4	8	6	3	55	0	738
Hanson,	Miss Malinda A. Carr,	125	49	120	40	24	6	5	10	5	5	5	43	103	0	856
Hardwick,	Frank W. Kimball,	57	25	80	26	19	0	0	5	0	3	0	6	33	0	1,000
" Gilbertville,	Elmer M. Marsh,	234	187	150	56	228	34	58	236	89	56	25	50	776	0	2,061
Harvard,	J. W. Bacon,	100	52	50	50	95	0	0	65	9	5	0	79	253	0	1,050
Harwich,	Cyrenus S. Hunt,	85	48	65	42	11	64	0	51	0	11	0	9	146	0	1,765
" Port,	Mrs. Jehiel Jordan,	103	60	100	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	1,150
Hatfield,	Samuel F. Billings,	183	123	135	81	326	90	34	358	166	79		159	1,212	0	2,109
Haverhill, B'fd,	Arthur W. Johnson,	500	250	475	65	212	15	0	428	47	67	0	80	849	0	3,500
" West,	Dea. F. A. Russell,	142	83	100	69	63	7	44	78	109	33	3	80	417	0	1,426
" 4th,	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	35	21	40	0	4	0	1	65	72	3	0	300	445	0	475
" Centre,	George W. W. Bartlett,	431	230	400	145	239	30	83	197	195	36	0	337	1,117	0	5,000
" North,	William H. Johnson,	329	199	500	144	508	0	0	227	91	0	0	1,257	2,083	0	7,246
" Riverside,	Dea. A. W. Brown,	255	140	212	104	11	0	3	15	36	0	0	25	90	0	1,253
" Union,	Dea. A. C. Brickett,	259	156	200		9	0	0	0	5	0	0	9	23	0	2,905
" St. John's, *Fr.*	Rev. Eugene L. Raiche,	27	15	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	20
" Ward Hill,	Charles Bisbee,	147	74	76	67	9	0	0	0	5	0	0	13	27	0	1,030
Hawley,	B. L. Holden,	60	37	40	17	23	0	0	12	7	10	3	31	86	0	340
" West,	C. C. Fuller,	40	26	37	32	10	2	3	9	3	7	0	0	34	0	350
Hingham,	Alonzo H. Kimball,	m130	70	84	131	61	0	0	15	10	8	0	0	94	0	
" Bethany,	H. O. Beale,	35	25	40		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hinsdale,	Alden H. Pierce,	163	96	85	135	263	0	0	359	67	3	10	166	868	0	1,659
Holbrook,	Leonard Belcher,	241	126	180	51	140	23	19	130	51	58	4	22	447	61,210	2,520

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Holden,	1742	Miss Nancy Perry,	Thomas E. Babb, *p.*	'69	'92	40	65	105	24	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	2	0
Holland,	1765	Mrs. E. Y. Webber,	Josiah G. Willis, *p.*	'76	'96	8	24	32	15	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Holliston,	1728	Dea. Wm. Daniels,	Nicholas Vander Pyl, *p. c.*	'93	'95	80	182	262	50	8	2	10	9	11	0	20	6	0
Holyoke, 1st,	1799	John K. Judd,	George W. Winch, *p. c.*	'75	'88	89	176	265	13	6	14	20	1	5	1	7	4	5
" 2d,	1849	Jeremiah N. Hubbard,	Edward Allen Reed, *p. c.*	'71	'86	289	632	921	125	23	21	44	13	22	7	42	9	31
" *French*,	1886	Pierre Germain,	Charles H. Vessot, *p.*	'92	'93	15	13	28	3	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	5
Hopkinton,	1724	Dea. John C. Adams,	Theodore J. Holmes, *p. c.*	'59	'93	76	152	228	68	4	2	6	1	6	0	7	1	1
Hubbardston,	1770	Miss Lizzie N. Smart,				31	36	67	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Hudson,	1889	P. H. Ware,	Almon J. Rackliffe, *p.*	'82	'94	30	73	103	14	1	11	12	1	5	1	7	0	0
Huntington, 1st,	Norwich, 1778	Dea. C. H. Kirkland,	Webster L. Hendrick, *p.*	'89	'98	26	43	69	6	3	1	4	1	2	2	5	3	0
" 2d,	1846	C. W. Jones,	Webster L. Hendrick, *p.*	'89	'94	38	88	126	26	0	1	1	0	6	2	8	0	0
Hyde Park,	1863	Arthur H. Burt,	Henry N. Hoyt, *p. c.*	'76	'98	224	459	683	98	3	6	9	8	19	1	28	0	15
" Clarendon Hills,	1880	George Jeffers,	Achilles L. Loder, *p.*	'77	'97	32	55	87	26	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	6
Ipswich, 1st,	1634	Dea. J. H. Cogswell,	Edward Constant, *p.*	'83	'92	33	122	155	22	9	4	13	2	0	0	2	0	0
" South,	1747	Joseph I. Horton,	T. Frank Waters, *p. c.*	'76	'79	32	135	167	25	12	7	19	0	1	0	1	8	0
" Linebrook,	1749	Dea. J. H. Tenney,	William P. Alcott, *p. c.*	'68	'86	26	28	54	16	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Kingston,	1828	Mrs. E. R. LaPorte,	Zenas Crowell, *p. c.*	'77	'86	21	63	84	23	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	2	0
Lakeville,	1725	C. F. Paul, Myricks,	George H. Perry, *p.*	'87	'97	39	35	74	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Union Grove,	1877		Leslie B. Withee, *p.*	'89	'96	1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancaster,	1839	Horatio Bailey,	Charles S. Haynes, *p. c.*	'94	'96	39	64	103	26	0	2	2	2	1	3	6	0	3
Lanesboro',	1764	W. S. Royce,	[George W. Love, *Meth.*]		'94	3	11	14	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Lawrence, Lawrence st.,	1847	Albert I. Couch,	William E. Wolcott, *p. c.*	'81	'85	125	307	432	100	16	14	30	8	6	0	14	10	14
" South,	1868	John H. Gilman,	Edward A. Chase, *p. c.*	'84	'89	37	90	127	16	1	6	7	1	9	14	24	1	0
" Riverside,	1878	Richard Shiers,	Henry E. Oxnard, *p. c.*	'94	'96	34	94	128	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7
" Trinity,	1883	Edwin Fletcher,	Frederick H. Page, *p. c.*	'93	'96	126	280	406	64	8	9	17	6	8	0	14	10	4
" United,	1886	Christopher Warburton	Herbert G. Mank,	'89	'98	29	65	94	10	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1
Lee,	1780	Chas. H. Sabin,	Lyman S. Rowland, *p. c.*	'64	'77	156	277	433	95	7	2	9	10	7	0	17	3	5
Leicester,	1719	J. C. Watson,	David C. Reid, *p. c.*	'84	'94	79	131	210	49	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	1	0
Lenox,	1769	Dea. Henry Sedgwick,	Edward Day, *p. c.*	'80	'90	38	71	109	24	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	2	3
Leominster,	1822	Dea. C. E. Woodward,	George R. W. Scott, *p.*	'68	'93	162	327	489	58	12	18	30	9	3	1	13	8	2
" North,	1874	Mrs. E. G. Hall,	James M. Bell, *p.*	'58	'93	20	51	71	6	4	3	7	1	2	0	3	3	0
Leverett,	1774	Cephas F. Frary,	Rollin L. Hartt, *p.*	'96	'97	61	76	137	45	5	0	5	0	1	0	1	3	0
" Moore's Corner,	1896	F. S. Colton, N. Lev.	[John C. Wightman, *Lic.*]		'95	20	19	39	1	9	0	9	1	0	0	1	8	0
Lexington,	1868	James P. Prince,	Charles F. Carter, *p. c.*	'83	'96	68	136	204	52	3	8	11	2	2	0	4	0	3
Lincoln,	1747	George L. Chapin,	Edward E. Bradley, *p. c.*	'93	'93	32	49	81	23	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	1	0
Littleton,	1840	John M. Thacher,	Amelia A. Frost, *p. c.*	'94	'95	44	74	118	19	19	5	24	1	2	0	3	8	0
Longmeadow,	1716	Edward P. Tabor,	Stephen G. Barnes, *p. c.*	'81	'91	46	126	172	28	0	10	10	3	6	4	13	0	4
Lowell, Pawtucket,	1797	Dea. John J. Cotton,	Willis D. Leland, *p. c.*	'80	'93	50	106	156	19	2	4	6	4	1	0	5	1	3
" 1st,	1826	Dea. Andrew Liddell,				137	395	532	198	17	10	27	6	12	0	18	13	6
" Eliot,	1830	Frank W. Corey,	John M. Greene, *p. c.*	'57	'70	119	298	417	86	1	13	14	6	7	0	13	0	10

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Holden,	T. Earle Babb,	90	65	130	42	$8	0	9	30	20	13	0	0	140	0	1,770
Holland,	Dea. Freeman B. Blodgett,	36	20	26	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	0	275
Holliston,	George E. W. Brooks,	219	154	250	63	173	18	11	400	114	8	13	104	841	50	2,745
Holyoke, 1st,	Roland T. Oakes,	518	314	340	128	313	383	45	294	134	76	28	1,500	2,773	0	6,324
" 2d,	Alfred H. Morton,	998	647	530	163	1,126	578	1,033	3,608	121	51	57	11,609	18,183	9,548	11,149
" *French*,	Victor Lamoise,	25	15	27	0	0	5	0	25	0	1	0	10	41	0	42
Hopkinton,	J. David Stewart,	225	126	150	63	69	55	30	77	98	72	25	590	1,016	0	2,652
Hubbardston,	C. F. Wyman,	65	35	44	12	10	1	1	52	12	0	0	6	82	0	766
Hudson,	Milton T. Bailey,	200	103	85	43	21	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	34	0	1,100
Huntington, 1st,	James B. Lyman,	70	43	40	25	12	0	0	12	30	2	0	0	56	12	358
" 2d,	D. W. Stowell,	98	48	65	25	33	0	3	15	18	3	0	18	90	0	1,100
Hyde Park,	Joseph K. Knight,	826	413	0	224	263	40	92	241	95	7	30	432	1,200	0	5,198
" Cl. Hills,	Henry L. Johnson,	179	126	0	75	6	2	2	6	4	1	1	40	62	0	
Ipswich, 1st,	Rev. Edward Constant,	178	100	150	79	238	25	32	140	32	20	0	116	603	0	2,450
" South,	Frank T. Goodhue,	162	87	0	59	145	46	60	115	205	45	10	101	727	0	1,529
" Linebrook,	Albert F. Tenney,	40	31	37	27	17	0	6	21	13	5	0	22	84	0	1,250
Kingston,	Miss Fannie B. McLauthlin,	91	40	70	38	111	10	10	33	20	10	6	11	211	0	1,653
Lakeville,	T. P. Paull, Myricks,	70	40	60	12	43	0	0	27	6	8	0	8	92	0	800
" Un. Grove,				17	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Lancaster,	Charles S. Haynes,	125	64	98	31	96	25	25	71	120	30	0	26	393	0	1,525
Lanesboro',	Miss Laura Read,	35	30	9											0	350
Lawrence,	Lonzo S. Crosby,	379	211	350	130	96	13	12	1,133	125	15	30	100	1,524	0	4,800
" South,	Herbert B. Merrick,	274	164	221	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,872
" Riverside,	Rev. Henry E. Oxnard,	215	136	58	36	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	1,038
" Trinity,	Wilbur E. Rowell,	340	212	330	52	117	18	156	346	34	30	0	579	1,289	0	5,187
" United,	D. J. Freeman,	168	130	44	69	34	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	39	0	2,851
Lee,	Edward S. Rogers,	230	171	210	90	972	121	45	644	250	125	0	2,242	4,399	0	3,341
Leicester,	Corwin F. Palmer,	160	90	160	70	339	52	13	455	1,137	17	21	134	2,171	0	2,972
Lenox,	Edward C. Carter,	140	116	80	83	72	97	10	138	400	30	0	58	805	0	2,875
Leominster,	Walter N. Howe,	375	271	270	162	331	16	0	611	46	15	0	1,100	2,119	0	4,552
" North,	C. F. Burrage,	131	79	75	66	38	8	6	33	50	0	8	35	178	0	1,975
Leverett,	C. Hall Beaman,	127	78	80	26	9	0	0	21	5	0	0	24	59	0	665
" Moore's Cor.	F. W. Wrightman,	64	46	50	0	6	0	3	10	0	2	0	10	21	0	868
Lexington,	Allston M. Redman,	200	128	120	81	288	51	112	284	192	54	0	200	1,181	0	4,500
Lincoln,	George L. Chapin,	70	46	80	34	479	0	0	0	298	22	50	0	849	0	1,700
Littleton,	George W. Canney,	86	65	57	87	77	37	7	28	71	8	7	0	235	0	1,110
Longmeadow,	Frank B. Allen,	200	96	118	59	283	36	32	222	62	36	19	546	1,236	0	1,719
Lowell, Pt.,	Charles F. Miles,	187	143	180	93	74	0	14	113	35	13	0	139	388	0	2,200
" 1st,	Justin H. Kimball,	244	177	250	131	134	0	0	95	40	0	0	200	469	0	5,593
" Eliot,	Alvah Sturgess,	430	245	300	164	189	36	13	829	19	18	0	600	1,704	50	6,425

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Lowell, John st.,	1839	Wm. H. G. Wight,	George H. Johnson, *p. c.*	'77	'92	62	147	209	35	3	1	4	5	5	0	10	1	2
" Kirk st.,	1845	Albert L. Thompson,	William A. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'86	'96	163	388	551	175	21	19	40	6	2	0	8	6	5
" High st.,	1846	Francis N. Chase,	Chas. W. Huntington, *p. c.*	'81	'88	73	162	235	40	7	1	8	2	3	2	7	2	1
" *French,*	1877	Auguste Sarre,	Thomas G. A. Coté, *p.*	'71	'95	65	59	124	24	29	1	30	2	1	0	3	16	19
" Highland,	1884	Willard Everett,	Charles L. Merriam, *p. c.*	'82	'91	88	221	309	61	8	2	10	2	12	0	14	6	5
" *Swed.,*	1885	Alfred Swanson,	Andrew P. Nelson, *p. c.*	'94	'97	25	57	82	8	9	7	16	3	1	2	6	0	8
" 1st Trinitarian,	[?]	Dea. Daniel A. Eaton,	George F. Kenngott, *p.*	'89	'92	101	282	383	25	26	13	39	6	8	0	14	16	16
Ludlow, Centre,	1789	Rev. E. D. Francis,	Everett D. Francis, *p. c.*	'95	'95	45	85	130	19	6	0	6	3	1	2	6	2	2
" Union,	1867	Albert A. Gove,	William Thomas, *p.*	'82	'97	28	74	102	11	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	8
Lunenburg,	1835	Edmund S. Francis,	David Wallace, *p.*	'94	'97	24	63	87	23	1	2	3	2	4	0	6	1	0
Lynn, 1st,	1632	Guilford S. Newhall,	William C. Merrill. *p.*	'84	'96	72	177	249	16	14	15	29	0	4	0	4	6	1
" Central,	1850	Edward A. Perkins,	Albert W. Moore, *p. c.*	'73	'82	109	238	347	51	13	8	21	1	0	16	17	6	2
" Chestnut st.,	1860	George E. Sargent,	George W. Osgood. *p.*	'78	'94	40	146	186	51	7	6	13	2	2	0	4	4	0
" North,	1869	W. Fred Haskell,	Arthur J. Covell, *p. c.*	'90	'98	42	144	186	25	6	2	8	0	11	66	77	6	3
" *Swed.,*	1888	Axel R. Bohlinder,	John A. Johnson, *p. c.*	'92	'88	35	58	93	10	14	2	16	0	2	2	4	0	19
Lynnfield, Centre,	1720	Charles E. Pearson,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'95	19	58	77	19	3	1	4	1	1	2	4	1	0
" 2d,	1854	Rev. G. E. Freeman,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'95	6	31	37	10	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	2
Malden,	1648	Percy E. Walbridge,	Henry H. French, *p. c.*	'81	'94	239	481	720	79	21	29	50	6	12	1	19	9	22
" Maplewood,	1874	Frank P. Dunlop,	Walter A. Evans, *p.*	'86	'94	55	123	178	0	17	5	22	4	5	6	15	9	7
" Linden,	1876	William W. Douglass,	J. Chris. Williams, *p.*	'90	'95	19	56	75	11	1	2	3	1	3	1	5	0	0
Manchester,	1716	George F. Allen,	Walter H. Ashley, *p.*	'78	'98	59	130	198	19	75	3	78	4	2	3	9	51	2
Mansfield,	1838					89	189	278	43	8	4	12	2	2	0	4	5	2
Marblehead,	1684	Daniel Appleton,	S Linton Bell, *p. c.*	'77	'84	48	181	229	25	6	0	6	8	2	0	10	3	4
Marion,	1703	Rev. H. L. Brickett,	Harry L. Brickett, *p. c.*	'83	'94	21	61	82	7	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	9
Marlboro',	1666	F. L. Claflin,	Lincoln B. Goodrich, *p. c.*	'93	'96	115	246	361	31	10	3	13	6	11	1	18	8	6
" *French,*	1891	Rev. J. L. Loiselle,	Joseph L. Loiselle, *p.*	'95	'95	11	16	27	2	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	6
Marshfield, 1st,	1632	John H. Bourne,	{ Ebenezer Alden, *p. c. em.* { Fred'ic W. Manning, *p. c.*	'42 '91	'50 '91	31	65	96	21	0	3	3	2	0	3	5	0	2
" Hills,	1835	Israel H. Hatch,	Alfred De Barritt, *p.*	'95	'97	10	28	38	9	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	0
Mattapoisett,	1736	L. L. B. Dexter,	Robert Humphrey, *p.*	'83	'96	17	64	81	22	3	2	5	3	1	0	4	0	1
Maynard,	1852	John W. Flood,	Thomas C. Jackson, *p.*	'83	'97	55	154	209	65	5	1	6	4	4	1	9	2	3
Medfield,	1828	Dea. Francis S. Wight,	Leroy M. Pierce, *p.*	'70	'97	26	86	112	38	1	5	6	6	11	1	18	0	1
Medford, Mystic,	1847	N. A. Dyer,	John Barstow, *p. c.*	'87	'94	131	309	440	45	12	17	29	8	8	17	33	5	1
" West,	1872	Henry Newcomb,	Judson V. Clancy, *p. c.*	'77	'96	67	156	223	38	3	12	15	0	10	0	10	2	8
" Union,	1887	James Donovan,	Isaac Pierson, *p. c.*	'70	'95	24	48	72	7	14	9	23	1	0	8	9	3	3
Medway, West,	1750	Edgar Woodman,	John F. Crosby, *p.*	'92	'94	48	110	158	18	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0
" Village,	1838	Rev. R. K. Harlow,	Rufus K. Harlow, *p. c.*	'68	'72	58	137	195	36	1	3	4	8	2	0	10	1	1
" 3d, West,	1886	A. M. B. Fuller,				8	23	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melrose,	1848	Isaac A. Cochran,	Thomas Sims. *p.*	'75	'97	158	297	455	53	5	13	18	7	21		28	3	8
" Highlands,	1875	Henry Chisholm,	Burke F. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'93	98	222	320	21	21	24	45	2	8	3	13	7	3

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Lowell, John st.,	William H. G. Wight,	167	92	175	76	96	0	21	126	42	4	0	72	361	0	4,208
" Kirk st.,	Louis Alexander,	350	212	350	79	514	698	2,327	2,679	126	47	121	3,742	10,254	0	10,752
" High st.,	Francis N. Chase,	326	162	225	64	259	35	126	722	157	35	81	2,021	3,436	0	5,455
" *French*,	Rev. Thomas G. A. Coté,	80	55	50		0	0	0	100	0	0	0	50	150	0	150
" Highl'd,	William T. Dole,	418	219	330	173	442	11	10	120	177	28	0	180	968	0	4,400
" *Swed.*,	Carl F. Pihl,	50	42	25	35	8	0	5	8	8	5	0	25	59	0	1,038
" 1st Trin.,	Orrin C. Frye,	636	371	625	250	87	40	46	417	28	16	0	150	784	4,514	6,555
Ludlow, Centre,	Gillen D. Atchinson,	145	84	70	0	60	11	0	50	23	50	0	0	194	0	1,044
" Union,	James Henderson,	109	97	118	40	28	10	0	10	0	40	0	6	94	0	1,350
Lunenburg,	Alpheus K. Francis,	90	78	65	0	6	0	0	17	8	0	0	10	41	0	981
Lynn, 1st,	Alfred Crowther,	401	228	160	111	201	16	13	216	142	11	0	360	959	0	4,150
" Central,	Daniel B. Beard,	530	314	200	178	191	15	15	531	30	25	115	1,879	2,811	0	
" Chestnut st.,	J. Sidney Stone,	200	131	140	97	83	4	4	89	0	3	3	239	425	0	1,848
" North,	Arthur W. Webber,	223	155	110	103	25	25	0	15	0	0	0	66	131	2,000	4,877
" *Swed.*,	John Lindberg,	55	43	55	40	37	0	6	0	27	0	7	80	157	0	630
Lynnfield, Cen.,	Charles E. Pearson,	102	54	75	34	9	0	10	22	40	0	0	44	125	0	1,185
" 2d,	Fred Jacobs,	100	67	65	35	18	3	0	15	13	0	0	5	54	0	522
Malden,	Clarence O. Walker,	910	520	800	400	428	69	37	724	98	62	12	1,056	2,486	0	9,600
" Maplewood,	Frederick J. Smith,	385	175	240	75	132	0	0	0	0	5	0	55	192	0	3,049
" Linden,	C. M. Plummer,	167	109	96	60	55	0	0	37	0	6	0	4	102	0	4,495
Manchester,	Oliver T. Roberts,	208	139	135	130	87	54	0	97	54	0	0	25	317	0	4,797
Mansfield,	William A. Copeland,	300	200	156	160	76	15	12	78	35	24	0	182	422	0	1,700
Marblehead,	John G. Broughton,	330	186	200	104	143	32	7	107	18	0	5	293	605	0	3,015
Marion,	Stephen D. Hadley,	128	66	115	53	140	292	8	117	89	5	0	78	729	0	2,414
Marlboro',	Elmer D. Howe,	352	220	280	115	376	135	53	462	150	64	40	735	2,015	150	4,072
" *French*,	N. Cordeau,	61	32	25	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshfield, 1st,	J. Fletcher Barnes,	131	72	110	45	127	29	61	0	125	50	0	4	396	0	1,032
" Hills,	Miss Agnes L. Sherman,	58	36	40	35	10	0	0	8	0	11	0	5	34	0	1,075
Mattapoisett,	J. C. Te Atzatt,	75	50	100	50	16	5	7	118	8	9	0	12	175	0	1,100
Maynard,	William A. Gutteridge,	320	174	200	132	110	100	50	217	100	29	0	400	1,006	0	2,000
Medfield,	S. Copeland,	95	48	80	45	14	0	0	10	12	0	0	18	54	51	858
Medford, Mystic,	George F. Chapin,	470	268	376	149	680	39	49	688	148	39	0	280	1,923	0	5,868
" West,	Charles H. Hanson,	294	167	225	147	215	14	26	67	51	15	13	472	873	0	3,638
" Union,	Percy H. Hodgman,	171	94	115	77	88	11	12	74	31	13	0	31	260	0	979
Medway, West,	Dea. Carlos Kelsey,	148	98	236	48	18	0	0	8	4	7	0	90	127	0	1,521
" Village,	Charles R. Adams,	123	64	136	26	40	10	0	61	37	11	0	80	239	0	2,128
" 3d, West,		0	0		0	44	0	0	18	150	0	0	0	212	0	
Melrose,	Frank G. Kellogg,	547	350	330	174	206	92	52	477	55	29	13	558	1,482	0	6,300
" Highlands,	Dea. W. W. Mason,	561	299	287	169	147	31	32	90	97	27	22	237	683	0	5,257

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Merrimac,	1726	Richard A. Sargent,	George L. Todd, *p. c.*	'87	'92	138	253	391	53	13	5	18	6	5	0	11	10	2
Methuen,	1729	Chas. H. T. Mann,	Charles H. Oliphant, *p. c.*	'76	'84	88	189	277	40	7	14	21	1	1	0	2	4	6
Middleboro', 1st,	1694	Augustus H. Soule,	George W. Stearns, *p.*	'83	'91	56	109	165	20	8	2	10	3	2	0	5	6	1
" North,	1748	Dea. Percy W. Keith,	Herbert K. Job, *p. c.*	'91	'91	43	75	118	24	0	2	2	1	13	0	14	0	1
" Central,	1847	Henry W. Sears,	Rich'd G.Woodbridge, *p.c.*	'81	'93	111	251	362	54	26	12	38	3	3	0	6	17	0
Middlefield,	1783	Dea. J. McElwain,	Herbert A. Yountz, *p.*	'97	'96	30	52	82	30	2	3	5	3	2	2	7	0	0
Middleton,	1729	Miss H. S. Thompson,				32	72	104	10	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	1
Milford,	1741	Willard S. Wood,	Webster Woodbury, *p. c.*	'68	'88	65	222	287	61	2	14	16	6	8	0	14	0	1
Millbury,	1747	A. G. Hurd,	George A. Putnam, *p. c.*	'60	'71	40	143	183	56	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	6
" 2d,	1827	Ira N. Goddard,	George P. Eastman, *p. c.*	'91	'91	51	135	186	35	1	2	3	6	4	0	10	1	4
Millis,	1714	Dea. J.W. Clark, R'le,	Albert H. Wheelock, *p.*	'88	'93	30	77	107	27	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	2	5
Milton,	1678	A. H.Tucker, Blue Hill,	Henry S. Huntington, *p.*	'66	'88	36	66	102	18	5	4	9	1	2	0	3	0	2
" East,	1843	Dea. F. Kemp,	Albert S. Gilbert, *p.*	'97	'96	11	20	31	1	3	4	7	2	1	0	3	0	6
Monson,	1762	Mrs. C. C. Keep,	Franklin S. Hatch, *p. c.*	'76	'87	71	148	219	33	0	0	0	5	3	0	8	0	4
Montague,	1752	Sanford Marsh,	Martin L. Richardson, *p.*	'60	'91	39	94	133	20	2	1	3	2	2	0	4	2	0
" Miller's Falls,	1872	Mrs. Mary A. King,	Dorr A. Hudson, *p.*	'91	'93	10	38	48	11	0	0	0	1	4	2	7	0	1
" Turner'sFalls,	1875	Frank N. Conant,	Frank N. Merriam, *p. c.*	'92	'97	35	70	105	17	21	6	27	1	5	0	6	8	11
Monterey,	1750	Miss J. A. Townsend,				38	71	109	24	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	2	3
Mt. Washington,	1874	Dea. H. D. Lamson, *a*				2	9	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nantucket,	1728	Miss Lydia M. Folger,	Walcott Fay, *p.*	'84	'97	9	98	107	24	0	2	2	4	8	0	12	1	0
Natick,	1802	Dea. G. L. Bartlett,	Frederick E. Sturgis, *p. c.*	'68	'84	187	455	642	61	3	6	9	7	7	43	57	2	0
" South,	1859	Miss A. M. Caswell,	Irving A. Burnap, *p.*	'92	'97	25	43	68	22	0	2	2	3	3	0	6	0	1
Needham,	1857	Joseph Willett,				76	150	226	31	0	5	5	2	1	0	3	0	7
New Bedford, Acushnet,	1696	Frederic B. Hawes,	George W. C. Hill, *p. c.*	'95	'95	18	43	61	12	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	0
" North,	1807	William R. Chase,	John A. MacColl, *p. c.*	'83	'90	137	372	509	49	5	4	9	7	10	0	17	5	5
" Trinitarian,	1831	James C. Briggs,	Matthew C. Julien, *p. c.*	'79	'72	51	153	204	35	2	2	4	7	5	0	12	2	0
New Braintree,	1754	Dea. George K. Tufts,	Francis H. Boynton, *p.*	'64	'95	17	35	52	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Newbury,	1635	Dea. John C. Rolfe,	Charles S. Holton, *p. c.*	'92	'97	36	90	126	14	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	1
" Byfield,	1706	Joseph N. Dummer,	David C. Torrey, *p. c.*	'92	'92	43	82	125	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0
Newburyport, North,	1768		Charles P. Mills, *p. c.*	'80	'80	112	284	396	73	2	0	2	8	4	0	12	2	1
" Prospect st.,	1793	Charles N. Todd,	Myron O. Pattou, *p. c.*	'94	'95	66	164	230	39	8	4	12	2	1	1	4	6	0
" Belleville,	1808	Charles A. Currier,	{ Daniel T. Fiske, *p. c.* { Albert W.Hitchcock, *p.c.*	'47 '91	'47 '91	111	239	350	40	15	12	27	5	7	6	18	6	5
" Whitefield,	1850	Arthur Reid,	Frank G. Alger, *p.*	'86	'98	62	166	228	40	6	2	8	0	3	0	3	3	0
New Marlboro', 1st,	1744	Rev. A. W. Field,	John B. Lewis, *p. c.*	'95	'97	11	22	33	0	10	4	14	1	0	0	1	9	0
" Southfield,	1794	H. A. Cook,	John B. Lewis, *p. c.*	'95	'97	20	30	50	4	10	1	11	0	0	0	0	8	0
" Mill River,	1871	Dea. E. W. Rhoades,	John B. Lewis, *p. c.*	'95	'97	19	30	49	10	6	0	6	1	3	3	7	8	0
New Salem,	1845	Mrs. H. S. Herrick, *b*	Albert V. House, *p.*	'94	'94	32	41	73	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Newton 1st, Centre,	1664	Edward L. Allen,	{ Dan'l L. Furber, *p.c. em.* { Edward M. Noyes, *p.c.*	'47 '83	'47 '94	155	246	401	44	13	17	30	7	12	1	20	5	2
" 2d, West,	1781	Julius L. Clarke,	{ Henry J. Patrick, *p.c. em.* { Theo. P. Prudden, *p. c.*	'54 '74	'60 '94	101	252	353	0	0	10	10	3	3	0	6	0	0

a Copake Iron Works, N. Y. *b* N. New Salem.

Neponset, *see* Boston. New Boston, *see* Sandisfield. Mittineague, *see* West Springfield.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Merrimac,	Rev. George L. Todd,	341	141	231	165	44	0	15	59	45	39	10	62	274	1,510	2,707
Methuen,	J. Frank Emerson,	197	115	175	25	582	92	14	254	157	16	2	55	1,172	0	3,000
Middleboro',	Augustus H. Soule,	160	138	130	80	143	12	19	107	15	10	8	51	365	0	1,275
" North,	N. Williams Keith,	124	54	100	47	47	0	23	120	18	0	0	8	216	0	1,566
" Central,	Alonzo F. Ryder,	330	183	350	89	334	40	27	203	44	6	76	185	915	0	4,737
Middlefield,	Henry B. Holmes,	75	39	65	25	4	2	2	5	3	3	0	5	24	1,000	919
Middleton,	H. Erskine Howe,	148	70	95	90	45	4	2	28	5	9	0	20	113	0	1,345
Milford,	W. B. Whiting,	349	191	290	102	182	52	34	121	135	116	0	682	1,322	4,860	5,500
Millbury,	Clarence A. Fenner.	104	73	100	50	130	11	21	54	55	25	0	259	555	0	1,891
" 2d,	G. F. Chase,	200	115	135	53	384	124	14	131	27	27	0	500	1,207	0	2,100
Millis,	Evan F. Richardson,	151	64	150	46	27	4	4	60	5	5	0	11	116	0	2,000
Milton,	H. B. Tucker, **Blue Hill,**	h 167	71	110	50	160	47	0	45	65	18	0	0	335	0	1,588
" East,	Frank Kemp,	100	67	100	40	0	0	0	0	15	9	0	25	49	0	1,066
Monson,	Edward F. Morris,	230	140	215	89	366	82	48	338	101	29	16	63	1,043	0	3,400
Montague,	William C. Cummings,	107	58	125	50	40	7	19	94	18	7	0	27	212	2,638	1,240
" Miller's F'ls,	Charles H. Hall,	90	55	125	45	4	2	4	4	2	3	0	17	36	0	816
" Turner's F'ls,	Elmer D. Severance,	288	161	100	36	20	20	25	21	31	0	0	0	117	0	1,850
Monterey,	W. V. Thompson,	128	83	90	45	22	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	28	0	600
Mt. Washington,						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
Nantucket,	Mrs. Anna Hussey,	89	61	100	19	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	20	24	0	1,272
Natick,	Frank M. Forbush,	713	401	500	182	396	30	102	100	130	20	15	920	1,713	0	7,224
" South,	Dea. M. V. B. Bartlett,	62	39	45	25	15	0	1	15	0	3	0	0	34	0	1,005
Needham,	Dr. C. C. Patten,	165	103	114	84	40	0	0	28	0	3	0	0	71	0	2,055
New Bedford,	Rev. George W. C. Hill,	100	45	100	62	5	0	0	23	0	4	0	5	37	0	1,825
" North,	David A. Carey,	387	245	416	118	662	47	0	940	100	12	30	1,078	2,869	2,000	6,049
" Trin.,	William N. Bassett,	450	320	300	39	171	35	0	711	9	17	0	5,802	6,745	0	6,300
New Braintree,	Dea. Horatio Moore,	50	21	52	35	26	0	0	27	0	11	0	4	68	0	750
Newbury,	W. P. Humphreys,	224	118	210	65	84	23	20	148	124	18	0	130	547	0	2,200
" Byfield,	Joseph N. Dummer,	110	80	100	70	12	7	8	40	10	7	0	10	94	0	0
Newburyport, N.	John T. Lunt,	323	139	262	95	76	7	0	452	43	0	17	443	1,038	3,600	3,100
" Prospect st.,	Charles A. Bliss,	251	141	150	69	146	2	4	304	28	4	12	255	755	0	2,310
" Belleville,	George A. Dickey,	526	320	440	91	477	33	57	792	123	40	0	300	1,822	0	5,600
" Whitefield,	N. D. Dodge,	150	90	150	65	80	0	0	100	0	0	0	200	380	0	2,400
New Marlboro',	Henry R. Stevens,	37	24	34	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	185
" Southfield,	H. A. Cook,	35	30	26	35	4	0	0	3	4	5	0	10	26	0	400
" Mill River,	E. W. Rhoades,	50	35	90	36	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	651	656	0	400
New Salem,	Rev. Albert V. House,	88	37	85	14	11	0	9	7	8	0	0	0	35	0	640
Newton, 1st, Cen.	Charles E. Kelsey,	280	207	245	140	1,896	1,604	216	2,531	605	227	355	714	8,148	0	8,177
" 2d, West,	Rev. Theodore L. Prudden,	267	200	224	65	1,188	125	94	2,138	441	112	37	659	4,794	0	6,924

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Newton, Eliot,	1845	George Agry, jr.,	William H. Davis, *p. c.*	'77	'96	211	404	615	42	23	16	39	12	7	0	19	12	10
" **Auburndale,**	1850	Henry G. Hildreth,	{ Calvin Cutler, *p. c. em.*	'67		127	246	373	80	2	21	23	3	14	0	17	0	2
			{ Chas. M. Southgate, *p. c.*	'70	'95													
" North,	1866	Charles A. Worth,	Daniel Greene, *p. c.*	'79	'92	63	113	176	74	5	2	7	1	2	0	3	2	8
" **Newtonville,**	1868	Wallace C. Boyden,	John M. Dutton, *p. c.*	'76	'92	106	236	342	62	10	13	23	7	4	0	11	5	10
" **Highlands,**	1872	William A. Wood,	Charles E. Havens, *p. c.*	'81	'93	77	153	230	47	10	7	17	5	3	0	8	2	2
Norfolk,	1839	Rev. Franklin C. Jones,	Edson J. Moore, *p.*	'61	'85	17	36	53	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
North Adams,	1827	Edwin Barnard,	William L. Tenney, *p. c.*	'88	'95	240	384	624	82	6	9	15	5	3	0	8	0	7
Northampton, 1st,	1661	William G. Bassett,	Henry T. Rose, *p. c.*	'70	'92	106	359	465	30	7	4	11	6	5	0	11	3	5
" Edwards,	1833	Dea. S. E. Bridgman,				128	323	451	92	9	16	25	6	21		27	3	14
" **Florence,**	1861	Dea. E. H. Barnard,	Elisha G. Cobb, *p. c.*	'60	'66	93	239	332	50	5	3	8	6	7	1	14	4	
North Andover,	1834	Daniel W. Carney,	Henry E. Barnes, *p. c.*	'62	'93	102	192	294	88	10	4	14	2	2	0	4	0	6
North Attleboro', Oldtown,	1712	Miss Mary A. Mathias,	John Whitehill, *p.*	'61	'69	21	44	65	14	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	0	3
" **A. Falls,**	1874	Miss Ada M. Perry,	Martin L. Williston, *p.*	'70	'97	20	61	81	8	1	5	6	1	6	5	12	1	0
" Trinity,	1892	D. Sanford Hall,	Charles A. Ratcliffe, *p.*	'91	'96	24	69	93	17	1	3	4	0	4	0	4	3	6
Northboro',	1832	Miss E. J. Yates,	Albert D. Smith, *p. c.*	'88	'96	28	74	102	28	0	3	3	3	1	0	4	0	0
Northbridge **Centre,**	1782	Joshua W. Morse,	James H. Childs, *p.*	'75	'84	26	59	85	22	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
" **Whitinsville,**	1834	William J. Lane,	John R. Thurston, *p. c.*	'59	'71	77	161	238	46	3	1	4	4	5	0	9	0	11
" Rockdale,	1879	Mrs. H. T. Whitin,	Ernest M. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'97	'97	14	17	31	5	3	2	5	0	0	3	3	2	1
North Brookfield, 1st,	1752	Dea. A. J. Goddard,	John L. Sewall, *p. c.*	'82	'96	118	265	383	67	12	9	21	9	6	0	15	4	4
" Union,	1854	Dea. James Miller,	Joseph J. Spencer, *p. c.*	'91	'91	29	84	113	20	3	0	3	0	7	0	7	0	0
Northfield, **East,**	1825	Miss Mary I. Dutton,	Cyrus I. Scofield, *p.*	'83	'96	148	237	385	135	30	23	53	2	25	0	27	15	0
North Reading,	1720	Isaac A. Flint,	Eugene E. Colburn, *p.*	'75	'96	29	65	94	16	5	0	5	4	1	0	5	4	0
Norton,	1832	Dea. N. S. Howard,				21	45	66	0	0	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	2
Norwood,	1736	Herbert M. Plimpton,	Charles F. Weeden, *p.*	'88	'95	98	151	249	31	12	13	25	2	6	0	8	6	8
Oakham,	1767	Dea. Jesse Allen,	Allen A. Bronsdon, *p. c.*	'97	'97	33	79	112	28	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Orange, **North,**	1843	Rev. John H. Garman,				7	15	22	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
" Central,	1846	F. D. Kellogg,				104	198	302	40	16	7	23	3	6	0	9	13	2
" *Swedish,*	1891	John G. Blanquist,	John M. Henrickson, *p.*	'96	'96	49	48	97	4	17	0	17	0	3	4	7	0	7
Orleans,	1646	Orville W. Crosby,	Everett I. Rackett, *p. c.*	'94	'93	28	110	138	0	0	2	2	5	1	0	6	0	0
Otis,	1779	Mrs. Mary J. Somes,	[Edward J. Ruliffson, *Lic.*]		'97	20	43	63	18	12	3	15	1	2	0	3	9	1
Oxford,	1721	Mrs. Emily J. Pratt,	Albert E. Bradstreet, *p.*	'88	'94	37	117	154	31	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0
Palmer, **Thorndike,**	1730	Charles F. Smith,	George M. Gerrish, *p.*	'94	'95	25	47	72	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
" 2d,	1847	O. P. Allen,				60	133	193	16	5	5	10	3	12	12	27	4	7
" **Three Rivers,**	1876	Sullivan B. Barnes,	Gardner S. Butler, *p.*	'77	'92	98	106	204	64	5	16	21	0	13	6	19	2	3
Paxton,	1767	Dea. Chas. A. Streeter,				28	69	97	18	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0
Peabody, South,	1713	Peter J. Frye,	George A. Hall, *p. c.*	'86	'86	89	223	312	57	3	7	10	9	8	0	17	2	0
" 2d,	1874	Miss Mary Tudbury,	Lewis J. Thomas, *p.*	'78	'98	23	66	89	10	0	4	4	1	4	0	5	0	0
" **West,**	1891	Frank K. McIntire,	James A. Anderson, *p.*	'89	'95	16	36	52	11	7	0	7	1	0	0	1	7	0
Pelham,	1837	Mrs. Lucy Tillson,	[Horace C. Broughton,]		'98	4	8	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Packardville, **Enfield,** '69		D. O. Chickering,	[Horace C. Broughton,]		'98	13	18	31	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0

Packardville *see* Pelham. Pawtucket *see* Lowell. Pigeon Cove, *see* Rockport.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Newton, Eliot,	A. B. Cobb,	468	306	325	119	5,129	386	512	11,175	959	301	267	5,136	23,865	0	12,787
" Auburndale,	J. Franklin Ryder,	234	214	236	127	3,750	123	106	1,958	510	95	76	474	7,092	0	6,584
" North,	H. M. Lowry,	180	120	80	50	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	20	30	0	1,600
" Newtonville,	Chas. W. Davidson,	306	213	265	108	551	256	102	871	136	47	168	20	2,151	0	11,340
" Highlands,	Seward W. Jones,	303	209	193	90	852	38	0	648	280	57	23	138	2,036	0	4,127
Norfolk,	Dea. Nathan H. Rockwood,	70	30	70	29	14	0	0	30	0	0	0	25	69	500	645
North Adams,	R. A. Thompson,	m465	358	420	53	316	50	49	611	117	50	0	926	2,119	0	5,400
Northampton, 1st	William N. Doane,	252	178	300	89	1,015	104	160	736	517	55		654	3,241	0	6,020
" Edwards,	Rev. Robert H. Life,	300	228	400	64	604	0	94	743	158			391	1,990	0	14,526
" Florence	W. O. Sania,	250	160	200	92	35	46	10	16	9	12	8	248	384	0	1,854
North Andover,	George E. Hathorn,	340	207	125	80	35	288	120	202	58	20	0	709	1,432	0	3,200
North Attleboro'	John Whitehill,	101	73	108	41	21	2	5	7	0	3	0	0	38	0	1,450
" A. Falls,	Martin L. Williston,	183	111	110	34	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	47	55	0	1,362
" Trinity,	Robert G. Semple,	125	67	70	24	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	21	0	1,192
Northboro',	Dea. F. M. Harrington,	190	87	106	31	54	23	10	50	29	12	6	17	201	0	1,184
Northbridge C.,	Frank E. Taft,	78	54	83	54	110	15	11	47	15	5	6	17	226	0	850
" Whitinsville,	Arthur F. Whitin,	332	220	272	87	5,267	1,761	621	2,779	2,393	698	125	2,929	16,573	0	3,339
" Rockdale,	Benjamin W. Brown,	81	32	56	52	35	5	0	29	5	0	0	5	79	0	817
North Brookfield,	Frank S. Bartlett,	290	207	285	151	282	220	84	397	166	31	0	234	1,414	5,350	3,321
" Union,	Edgar H. Grout,	114	69	157	47	0	0	0	20	126	0	0	368	514	0	1,568
Northfield,	Ambert G. Moody,	600	207	150	50	167	20	42	70	0	0	0	0	299	1,000	4,281
North Reading,	T. Milton Robinson,	179	79	100	38	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	12	42	0	1,003
Norton,	Arthur E. Sweet,	65	39	67	31	12	0	52	143	82	0	0	10	299	0	1,575
Norwood,	William A. Williamson,	379	120	300	69	162	22	24	328	187	0	0	186	909	0	4,170
Oakham,	Dea. Horace W. Lincoln,	102	65	125	57	75	15	0	57	40	25	0	4	216	0	1,000
Orange, North,	Henry N. Frye,	63	24	22	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	127
Central,	Waldo E. French,	350	198	300	118	315	0	25	277	40	28	0	27	712	0	2,800
Swedish,	Karl Enguall,	118		40	17	70	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	73	73	1,360
Orleans,	Freeman E. Snow,	100	72	130	32	19	0	0	17	45	8	0	153	242	0	1,068
Otis,	Miles T. Whitney,	90	35	107	35	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	285
Oxford,	Dea. D. Milton Howe,	120	65	135	33	196	19	35	202	129	36	15	105	737	0	1,990
Palmer, Thorn'e,	Jason W. Miller,	84	48	80	50	21	7	0	17	0	0	0	29	74	0	1,391
" 2d,	L. H. Gager.	239	160	230	111	227	121	25	254	211	10	10	283	1,141	0	3,661
" Three Rivers,	James H. Trickett,	240	140	92	133	41	0	0	42	0	0	0	3	86	0	1,514
Paxton,	Charles F. Flint,	65	43	85	12	36	0	0	20	0	2	0	0	58	0	714
Peabody, South,	Arthur W. Poole,	300	180		82	650	68	44	408	93	38	0	427	1,728	0	4,072
"	William T. Wolloff,	115	61	150	55	0	0	5	0	0	6	0	22	33	500	1,200
"	A. W. Felt,	80	52	77	42	6	0	6	10	0	6	0	9	37	0	598
Pelham,		12	10	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Packardville,	John W. Knight,	40	34	20	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	120

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Pepperell,	1747	Walter L. Harrison,	J. Brainerd Thrall, *p.*	'78	'98	82	165	247	48	6	2	8	5	5	0	10	3	0
Peru,	1770	Dea. Jewett H. Geer,	Edson L. Clark, *p.*	'59	'93	24	37	61	21	6	3	9	3	1	0	4	5	1
Petersham,	1823	Dea.. Chas. K. Wilder,	Preston R. Crowell, *p.*	'90	'97	3	22	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillipston,	1785	Mrs. Lyman B. Smith,	Preston R. Crowell, *p.*	'90	'97	22	39	61	20	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0
Pittsfield, 1st,	1764	Dea. H. A. Brewster,	Wm. V. W. Davis, *p. c.*	'77	'93	166	383	549	53	54	15	69	15	31	0	46	18	11
" 2d,	1846	Mrs Leah Gardiner,	Samuel Harrison, *p.*	'50	'72	8	24	32	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1
" South,	1850	Frank E. Pierson,	Isaac C. Smart, *p. c.*	'85	'85	174	291	465	20	30	7	37	3	19	0	22	5	8
" Pilgrim Mem.,	1897	Edwin R. Burdick,	Raymond Calkins, *p. c.*	'96	'97	52	63	115	1	68	51	119	0	4	0	4	10	30
Plainfield,	1786	Dea. Seth W. Clark,	George C. Bliss, *p.*	'95	'96	32	49	81	19	0	1	1	4	2	0	6	0	0
Plymouth, **Manomet,**	1738	Mrs. E. P. Bartlett,	Haig Adadourian, *p.*	'97	'97	18	38	56	8	0	4	4	3	4	0	7	0	0
" Pilgrimage,	1801	Charles F. Cole,				65	333	398	70	18	7	25	3	2	0	5	6	0
" **Chiltonville,**	1894	Miss L. B. Nickerson,	Frederick B. Noyes, *p.*	'90	'97	10	28	38	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Plympton,	1698	Miss B. W. Sherman,	Ernest C. Davis, *p.*	'94	'94	17	57	74	18	2	0	2	2	1	1	4	2	0
Prescott,	1823	Mrs. E. J. Paige,				16	16	32	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
Princeton,	1764	Miss Susie A. Davis,	Charles A. White, *p.*	'73	'88	52	126	178	40	2	2	4	5	0	0	5	2	0
Provincetown,	1714	Mrs. Mary N. Lewis,	William F. Skerrye, *p.*	'96	'94	10	49	59	17	1	0	1	3	2	2	7	0	2
Quincy, Bethany,	1832	Ernest D. Gourd,	{ Edward Norton, *p. c. em.* { Edwin N. Hardy, *p. c.*	'64 '90	'68 '95	125	225	350	0	23	13	36	3	2	1	6	2	2
" **Wollaston,**	1876	Edward L. Robbins,				49	93	142	0	1	7	8	3	7	0	10	1	3
" **Point,** Wash. st.,	1883	Thos. B. Pollard,				14	38	52	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
" **Atlantic,**	1885	W. T. Cummings,	John W. Whitaker, *p.*	'93	'97	14	38	52	5	1	6	7	0	2	0	2	1	0
" *Swedish,*	1889	Eric Carlson,	[Chas. A. Bjornborn, *Swed. M.*]		'95	53	84	137	5	15	1	16	2	1	10	13	0	28
" Park and Downs,	1897	Rev. Fred'k T. Knight,	Frederick T. Knight, *p.*	'97	'97	11	15	26	0	13	13	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randolph,	1731	William D. Leavitt,	Charles A. Hilton, *p. c.*	'71	'93	51	124	175	22	12	2	14	3	0	0	3	12	0
Raynham,	1731	Edward B. King,	Sidney K. B. Perkins, *p.*	'60	'87	13	34	47	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	4	1	0
" **North,**	1875	Willard M. Copeland,	Sidney K. B. Perkins, *p.*	'60	'87	6	20	26	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Reading,	1849	Frank W. B. Pratt,				126	331	457	76	11	9	20	10	1	6	17	9	2
Rehoboth,	1721	Miss E. B. Pierce,	Charles B. Wathen, *p.*	'83	'96	54	90	144	52	17	2	19	6	1	0	7	14	0
Revere, 1st,	1828	George A. Dalrymple,	Walter S. Eaton, *p. c.*	'92	'92	60	104	164	35	2	9	11	1	8	0	9	0	7
" Beachmont,	1881	R. T. Kimball,	E. S. J. McAllister, *p.*	'91	'96	16	37	53	0	3	21	24	3	7	11	21	1	3
Richmond,	1765	Henry L. Salmon,	T. Clair Luce, *p. c.*	'85	'91	39	72	111	4	15	2	17	1	1	0	2	13	0
Rochester, 1st,	1703	John S. Ryder,	John H. Quint,	'98	'98	14	41	55	16	7	3	10	1	0	0	1	3	0
" North,	1753	George H. Randall,	Leslie B. Withee, *p.*	'89	'96	11	15	26	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" E., W. Wareham,	1887	George P. Morse,	Alonzo T. Lamb, *p.*	'93	'96	31	46	77	18	6	3	9	1	2	0	3	4	0
Rockland,	1813	Joshua S. Smith,	Fred Allen, *p.*	'74	'95	96	194	290	47	2	8	10	8	5	3	16	1	9
Rockport, 1st,	1755	Calvin W. Pool,	Israel Ainsworth, *p. c.*	'80	'91	51	167	218	20	14	0	14	7	2	7	16	6	4
" **Pigeon Cove,**	1874		Frank E. Drake, *p. c.*	'97	'97	7	30	37	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1
" *Swedish,*	1892	John W. Landergren,	[Peter A. Johnson, *Lic.*]		'96	17	18	35	1	2	1	3	0	2	4	6	0	1
Rowley,	1639	Benjamin S. Mighill,	Samuel B. Cooper, *p.*	'87	'92	39	117	156	32	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0
Royalston,	1766	Dea. Frank W. Adams,	Francis J. Fairbanks, *p. c.*	'64	'93	35	71	106	30	2	3	5	3	1	0	4	2	0
" **South,**	1837	Dea. Jeremiah A. Rich,			'95	19	40	59	20	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0
Rutland,	1727	Dea. Wm. C. Temple,	Sidney Crawford, *p.*	'70	'93	79	116	195	50	2	5	7	3	4	1	8	2	1

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Pepperell,	Lyman C. Blood,	207	106	225	30	111	32	29	33	46	0	0	77	328	538	1,516
Peru,	Dea. Jewett H. Gew,	50	35	35	30	28	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	36	0	150
Petersham,	Dea. Clinton Bohanon,	30	20	17		15	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	20	0	198
Phillipston,	Lyman B. Smith,	37	25	33	21	7	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	18	0	414
Pittsfield, 1st,	Charles W. Power,	m475	313	475	101	807	814	1,985	1,098	358	84	50	2,461	7,657	3,000	9,285
" 2d,	Mrs. Leah Gardiner,	45	12	30	35	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	204
" South,	Edward Tolman,	289	139	175	144	74	15	15	40	20	13	20	1,500	1,697	0	3,500
" Pilgrim M.,	Rev. Raymond Calkins,	200	135	90	45	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	32	0	1,500
Plainfield,	Dea. James A. Winslow,	88	44	75	30	6	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	22	0	460
Plymouth, Man.,	Seth S. Bartlett,	60	30	86	26	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	600
" Pilgrimage,	William B. Welch,	340	175	400	154	275	12	16	202	66	34	0	175	780	0	3,300
" Chiltonville,	Mrs. Clark Finney,	31	20	50	11	40	5	7	50	10	11	6	0	129	0	1,027
Plympton,	Miss Alice C. Bisbee,	70	38	120	37	26	2	1	16	19	3	0	18	85	25	790
Prescott,	George F. Allen,	27	16	35	28	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	300
Princeton,	Wm. Roper, jr., E. Hubbardston	m145	76	180	36	407	0	10	107	84	8	55	135	806	0	1,500
Provincetown,	James E. Rich,	75	40	72	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	2	12	0	953
Quincy, Beth.,	Ernest W. Branch,	450	282	400	110	145	36	54	233	55	70	0	902	1,555	0	5,107
" Wollaston,	N. G. Nickerson,	209	121	0	76	270	0	56	497	72	0	0	713	1,608	0	4,000
" Wash'gton st.,	Charles H. Sherburne,	130	80	100	30	0	0	12	0	15	0	0	5	32	0	1,583
" Atlantic,	Charles F. Merrick,	126	75	75	39	0	0	0	30	0	34	0	0	64	0	1,240
" *Swedish*,	Charles Leander,	108	100			15	0	10	99	0	0	0	65	189	0	1,035
" Pk. & Downs,	Levi H. Millbury,	133	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Randolph,	M. W. Baker,	151	76	100	70	162	47	0	204	385	107	0	125	1,030	0	4,000
Raynham,	Rev. Sidney K. B. Perkins,	71	36	70	14	22	13	0	17	12	6	0	3	73	3,000	650
" North,	William Palmer,	41	23	71	14	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	6	0	350
Reading,	A. R. Shepardson,	475	294	325	210	294	171	65	522	117	0	32	702	1,903	0	4,240
Rehoboth,	Henry T. Horton,	130	60	80	38	14	0	3	5	8	6	0	10	46	0	1,100
Revere, 1st,		201	111	250	67	21	1	0	3	12	0	0	66	103	0	2,400
" Beachmont,	E. C. Anderson,	150	90	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	1,126
Richmond,	A. G. Kilts,	123	66	68	71	102	3	6	40	45	15	0	35	246	0	1,750
Rochester, 1st,	George B. Haskell,	39	25	75	26	66	11	0	36	0	0	0	10	123	500	950
" North,	Edward E. Reynolds,	30	25	22	20	2	0	0	12	0	0	0	1	15	0	440
" East,	Mrs. I. F. Barrows,	100	58	55	48	0	0	11	41	0	2	0	175	229	0	536
Rockland,	C. E. Rice,	425	263	270	75	75	10	11	50	30	7	62	118	363	200	3,800
Rockport, 1st,	Henry C. Davis,	200	138	225	88	41	9	16	92	8	27	9	221	423	0	
" Pig. Cove,	Thomas Whigham,	50	30	75	34	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	
" *Swedish*,	Charles Anderson,	56	50	0	21	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Rowley,	Willard P. Smith,	116	71	89	50	81	0	0	46	19	0	9	0	155	0	1,625
Royalston,	Frank W. Adams,	113	69	85	46	54	8	0	50	9	0	0	70	191	0	1,348
" South,	Alfred R. Hale,	48	25	46	21	9	0	5	44	0	2	0	8	68	0	493
Rutland,	Walter A. Hunter,	180	89	120	75	55	0	0	68	0	0	0	7	130	0	1,350

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Salem, Tabernacle,	1735	Ezra L. Woodbury,	DeWitt S. Clark, *p. c.*	'68	'79	86	291	377	31	6	11	17	6	4	1	11	4	3
" South,	1735	Charles H. Haywood,	James F. Brodie, *p. c.*	'82	'89	62	197	259	50	5	4	9	4	6	0	10	1	2
" Crombie st.	1832	Henry J. Pratt,	John W. Buckham, *p. c.*	'88	'90	49	158	207	27	3	4	7	5	2	1	8	1	4
Sandisfield,	1756	Mrs. Sarah J. Hawley,				10	32	42	17	0	0	0	2	3	2	7	0	0
Sandisfield, **New Boston,**	1874	Hiram A. Ryder,				10	30	40	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sandwich,	1638	Dea. S. R. Bourne,	William H. Woodwell, *p.*	'73	'89	41	92	133	10	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0
Saugus,	1732	John E. Stocker,	John C. Labaree, *p.*	'63	'93	11	42	53	13	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	1
" **Cliftondale,**	1888	Mrs. A. B. Smith,	W.Sherman Thompson, *p. c.*	'91	'96	15	67	82	8	9	5	14	1	9	0	10	6	5
Scituate,	1639	Miss M. F. Perry, S. Cen.	Seelye Bryant, *p. c.*	'90	'96	26	61	87	5	4	8	12	0	1	0	1	2	3
Seekonk,	1888	Mrs. James Knapp,	Hiram E. Johnson, *p.*	'59	'97	12	12	24	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharon,	1741	Dea. S. W. Billings,	Almon J. Dyer, *p. c.*	'86	'97	39	81	120	19	0	11	11	6	2	0	8	0	0
Sheffield,	1735	Dea. D. Boardman,	Evarts W. Pond,	'05	'96	39	102	141	21	5	1	6	0	3	0	3	4	14
Shelburne,	1770	Dea. L. G. Alvord,	Joseph A. Goodrich, *p.*	'96	'96	70	122	192	26	5	0	5	6	0	0	6	5	1
" **Falls,**	1850	Charles H. Ball,				46	135	181	27	0	1	1	10	1	30	41	0	3
Sherborn,	1685	Dea. L. Coolidge,	Edmund Dowse, *p. c.*	'38	'38	33	80	113	37	2	2	4	7	1	0	8	0	2
Shirley,	1828	Rev. Joseph Torrey,	Joseph Torrey, *p.*	'60	'93	32	70	102	22	0	7	7	1	1	0	2	0	0
Shrewsbury,	1723	Charles O. Green,	Edward A. Lathrop, *p.*	'95	'95	26	78	104	8	3	2	5	4	0	0	4	3	0
Shutesbury,	1742	Dea Nath'l A. Briggs,	[Arthur J. Wyman, *Lic.*]		'96	20	42	62	18	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	0	0
Somerset,	1861	William H. Marble,	Thomas F. Norris, *p.*	'79	'94	18	36	54	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Somerville, 1st,	1855	G. A. Southworth,	Robert W. Wallace, *p. c.*	'72	'97	103	225	328	55	13	6	19	6	26	12	44	9	13
" Broadway,	1864	Frank E. Hodgkins,	Horace H. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'94	141	234	375	36	32	17	49	3	8	0	11	14	5
" West,	1874	Jacob H. Lowery,	Peter MacQueen, *p. c.*	'91	'93	101	205	306	0	15	13	28	1	9	0	10	5	5
" Prospect Hill,	1874	S. Gardner Higgins,	Edward S. Tead, *p. c.*	'78	'84	122	238	360	40	5	15	20	3	5	0	8	3	6
" Winter Hill,	1883	Edwin A. Stone,	Charles L. Noyes, *p. c.*	'81	'82	72	145	217	12	7	7	14	3	5	3	11	2	15
" Highland,	1894	George T. Failey,	George S. Anderson, *p.*	'91	'94	37	72	109	4	14	11	25	0	5	0	5	3	4
Southampton,	1743	Henry L. Parsons,	John Cowan, *p.*	'75	'97	59	107	166	27	8	8	16	3	10		13	0	0
Southboro',	1831	H. A. McMaster,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'93	26	65	91	32	0	6	6	3	3	0	6	0	0
" **Southville,**	1865	Miss Annie E. Pearl,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'95	15	29	44	8	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	2	0
Southbridge,	1801	F. C. Goulding,	Willis A. Hadley, *p. c.*	'78	'97	78	135	213	50	0	5	5	4	19	0	23	0	2
South Hadley,	1733	Calvin Preston,	Arthur B. Patten, *p. c.*	'94	'97	76	201	277	62	1	0	1	6	9	0	15	0	2
" **Falls,**	1824	Dea. Arthur N. Chapin,	Richard L. Swain, *p. c.*	'84	'94	76	186	262	65	2	0	2	4	9	0	13	1	5
Southwick,	1773	Edward Gillette,	Harry O. Hannum, *p. c.*	'96	'96	28	51	79	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1
Spencer,	1744	Dea. Geo. H. Marsh,	Sherman W. Brown, *p. c.*	'93	'93	124	244	368	51	5	1	6	5	11	0	16	2	9
Springfield, 1st,	1637	Erdman B. Foth,	Frank L. Goodspeed, *p. c.*	'87	'94	313	715	1028	144	32	66	98	18	24	2	44	13	12
" Olivet,	1833	James B. Roberts,	Luther Hart Cone, *p. c.*	'55	'67	75	233	308	62	5	2	7	3	12	16	31	3	7
" South,	1842	William A. Lincoln,	{ S.G.Buckingham, *p.c.em.* { Philip S. Moxom, *p. c.*	'37 '71	'47 '94	151	328	479	80	17	16	33	6	2	0	8	7	5
" North,	1846	Ralph P. Alden,	F. Barrows Makepeace, *p. c.*	'73	'88	157	329	486	73	2	16	18	7	8	3	18	2	4
" **Ind. Orchard,**	1848	William Neild,	William T. Hutchins, *p. c.*	'76	'92	70	111	181	40	8	1	9	4	5	0	9	3	1
" Hope,	1876	William V. Gilman,				234	413	647	59	31	34	65	6	22	56	85	18	8
" *French,*	1886	J. W. Witty,	Thomas S. St. Aubin, *p. c.*	'93	'97	14	11	25	3	1	2	3	1	5	0	6	1	4
" Eastern av.,	1888	Fred B. Miller,	Richard H. Bosworth, *p. c.*	'82	'94	64	103	167	18	5	6	11	1	10	13	24	3	3
" Emmanuel,	1888	Rev. David L. Kebbe,	David L. Kebbe, *p. c.*	'91	'95	21	45	66	7	2	7	9	5	10	0	15	1	4

Saxonville, *see* Framingham. Scotland, *see* Bridgewater. Southfield, *see* New Marlboro'. Southville, *see* Southboro'.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.								Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Salem, Tab'cle,	Frederick A. Fuller,	558	369	300	192	576	189	79	922	193	161	55	207	2,382	0	
" South,	Frank H. Sargent,	322	223	252	136	634	40	38	796	110	24	0	745	2,387	0	
" Crombie st.	Arthur F. Smith,	158	96	160	55	250	0	0	200	150	0	0	448	1,048	0	3,000
Sandisfield,	Burton J. Stratton,	25	25	32	10	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	0	9	0	150
Sandisfield,	John Northway,	30	20	18		0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	15	0	263
Sandwich,	E. S. Talbott, M. D.,	103	54	59	37	75	0	0	23	12	5	5	20	140	0	950
Saugus,	John E. Stocker,	121	77	90	36	86	0	0	65	19	0	0	29	199	0	984
" Clift'd'e,	William F. Sawyer,	182	98	140	69	46	5	5	45	10	10	0	60	181	0	2,500
Scituate,	Dea. John H. Young,	90	57	99	40	75	0	0	15	5	0	0	0	95	0	2,167
Seekonk,	David S. Peck,	81	40	40	25	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	5	12	0	283
Sharon,	Dea. S. W. Billings,	150	83	90	50	60	28	0	189	69	0	0	20	366	0	1,100
Sheffield,	Dea. R. F. Little,	93	54	100	61	66	10	11	138	19	9	0	4	257	0	1,500
Shelburne,	Zerah H. Fiske,	160	104	85	76	168	5	22	109	80	41	5	51	481	0	1,288
" Falls,	E. J. Stockwell,	175	126	167	58	164	10	52	36	23	14	8	111	418	0	1,584
Sherborn,	E. C. Barber,	m120	67	100	60	30	0	7	75	12	3	0	75	202	0	1,250
Shirley,	Erwin H. Livermore,	118	47	65	90	19	0	8	40	13	10	0	3	93	0	1,200
Shrewsbury,	Rev. E. A. Lathrop,	144	65	117	65	91	0	0	26	28	0	33	171	349	0	2,400
Shutesbury,	Dea. N. A. Briggs,	34	23	47	14	0	8	0	31	0	0	0	0	39	0	260
Somerset,	Dea. Wm. H. Marble,	78	44	69	25	40	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	51	0	750
Somerville, 1st,	G. A. Southworth,	464	243	280	108	228	13	8	206	32	5	0	690	1,182	938	3,591
" Broadway,	Charles W. Colman,	463	282	300	125	340	18	21	472	21	18	9	1,248	2,147	0	12,000
" West,	E. R. Hubbard,	327	180	400	96	33	0	0	33	33	0	0	722	821	0	3,600
" Prospect Hill,	C. S. Clapham,	453	321	300	139	71	0	46	107	65	32	0	895	1,216	0	5,920
" Winter Hill,	John Herbert,	224	155	205	70	211	0	130	128	60	30	10	850	1,419	0	5,500
" Highland,	Herbert L. Jones,	265	146	200	67	8	0	0	11	0	4	0	251	274	0	3,986
Southampton,	Edward K. Parsons,	132	67	80	38	104	0	9	65	52	0	15	46	291	0	1,400
Southboro',	H. A. McMaster,	80	50	50	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	86	0	1,300
" Southville,	Dea. W. A. Ward,	27	15	29	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	271
Southbridge,	L. E. Sibley,	183	78	112	50	71	2	0	120	58	15	0	51	317	0	1,850
South Hadley,	J. Lyman Griswold,	205	116	170	76	492	0	19	282	229	0	0	429	1,451	0	2,300
" Falls,	Henry E. Judd,	292	214	275	120	194	1,213	24	73	242	19	11	518	2,294	0	3,404
Southwick,	W. B. Harding,	90	42	67	47	7	4	0	16	0	0	0	8	35	0	765
Spencer,	Dr. E. W. Norwood,	515	273	440	98	599	48	79	905	119	82	0	586	2,418	0	5,316
Springfield, 1st,	Milton A. Dixon,	1,018	484	780	97	1,400	3,000	60	1,600	128	23	0	4,000	10,211	2,700	11,000
" Olivet,	James W. Nourbourn,	278	179	225	92	585	45	50	372	46	19	24	115	1,256	0	2,792
" South,	Norman W. Carkhuff,	268	185	250	45	1,790	1,024	108	1,145	539	86	110	2,567	7,369	500	12,680
" North,	Walter A. Brown,	369	249	230	114	371	121	26	655	138	25	0	5,556	6,892	0	5,885
" Indian Orch.,	James Greenaway,	257	158	145	122	112	109	26	35	64	0	0	294	640	0	1,645
" Hope,	Z. W. Kemp, PH. D.	763	507	550	145	480	1,666	20	2,496	28	124	0	861	5,675	0	7,932
" *French*,	Gustave Michaud,	28	18	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	335
" Eastern av.,	D. F. Graham,	285	220	125	75	5	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	27	0	1,915
" Emmanuel,	Rev. David L. Kebbe,	198	147	100	58	13	0	0	21	3	3	2	18	60	0	1,058

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.		MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Springfield, Park,	1889	John Woods,	Allen E. Cross, *p. c.*	'92	'96	48	89	137	19	8	19	27	1	5	0	6	0	1
" St. John's,	1890	John H. Burr,	Frank W. Sims, *p.*	'91	'97	42	72	114	11	27	9	36	2	0	0	2	22	1
" *Swedish,*	1891	Fred Anderson,	John E. Thunberg, *p.*	'92	'97	17	33	50	1	7	0	7	0	0	3	3	0	0
" Faith,	1894	Arthur Parks Smith,	Harry C. Meserve, *p. c.*	'95	'93	35	96	131	5	7	15	22	1	0	0	1	4	3
Sterling,	1852	Rev. George H. Pratt,	George H. Pratt, *p.*	'66	'93	18	56	74	7	0	0	0	4	0	4	8	0	0
Stockbridge,	1734	Charles A. Bidwell,	Charles S. Rich, *p. c.*	'96	'96	72	139	211	35	2	6	8	3	1	0	4	2	4
" Curtisville,	1824	Dea. John W. Ford,	[Edward C. Sedgwick, *Lic.*]		'97	35	50	85	12	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0
Stoneham,	1729	Dea. O. W. Richardson,	Charles E. Beals, *p. c.*	'94	'97	95	203	298	69	38	12	50	5	10	0	15	27	2
Stoughton,	1799	Miss J. G. Carpenter,	Caleb L. Rotch, *p.*	'79	'93	32	87	119	24	2	0	2	4	4	0	8	2	1
Sturbridge,	1736	Rev. A. Holbrook,	Augustus M. Rice, *p.*	'73	'93	31	67	98	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sudbury, South,	1640	Dea. F. F. Walker,	Clarence W. Rouse, *p. c.*	'90	'94	55	103	158	25	1	2	3	6	2	0	8	0	1
Sunderland,	1718	Miss A. T. Montague,	Edward P. Butler, *p. c.*	'74	'89	96	140	236	27	16	1	17	0	4	1	5	5	2
Sutton,	1720	C.S.White,Wilkinson'e	John C. Hall, *p. c.*	'90	'91	46	97	143	41	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	3
Swampscott,	1846	Barnet W. Redfern,	D. Emery Burtner,	'90	'98	19	94	113	13	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2
Taunton, West,	1637	Mrs. W. Chase, jr.,				15	33	48	13	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	0
" Trinitarian,	1821	Chester E. Walker,	Francis A. Fate, *p. c.*	'94	'98	79	199	278	36	5	3	8	13	2	0	15	2	7
" Winslow,	1837	Dea. Geo. W. Andros,	{ S.Hopkins Emery,*p.c.em.*	'37	'46	92	212	304	26	4	6	10	1	2	0	3	3	6
			{ T. Clayton Welles, *p. c.*	'72	'92													
" East,	1853	Charles W. King,	Halah H. Loud, *p.*	'97	'97	16	37	53	14	5	0	5	0	0	6	6	5	0
" Union,	1868	Frank R. Knox,	Frank L. Luce, *p. c.*	'95	'97	53	152	205	26	7	3	10	5	8		13	3	1
Templeton,	1832	John M. Brown,	Gabriel B. Kambour, *p. c.*	'93	'93	28	60	88	22	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	2
" Baldwinville,	1874	Miss M. B. Raymond,	John W. Hird, *p. c.*	'79	'89	45	77	122	18	8	4	12	4	1	0	5	7	2
Tewksbury,	1735	Mrs. C. J. Taylor,	Elbridge C. Whiting, *p.*	'91	'96	42	84	126	27	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	5
Tolland,	1797	Oliver E. Slocum,	Samuel B. Andrews, *p.*	'68	'96	16	25	41	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Topsfield,	1663	Miss A. F. Ferguson,	Francis A. Poole, *p. c.*	'93	'94	44	96	140	28	12	2	14	4	0	0	4	10	3
Townsend,	1734	Miss Emma F. Bates,				44	129	173	36	2	0	2	6	3	0	9	2	4
Truro,	1711	Dea. Daniel E. Paine,	William Harris, *p.*	'76	'95	10	22	32	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
" North,	1840	Mrs. Benj. Coan,	[Arthur H. Scudder, *Lic.*]		'96	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyngsboro',	1868	Dea. John P. Coburn,	Sarah A. Dixon, *p.*	'97	'97	16	39	55	16	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	7
Upton,	1735	Miss Olive M. Johnson,	Alexander Wiswall, *p. c.*	'79	'92	45	169	214	43	2	4	6	8	2	0	10	1	0
Uxbridge,	1730	Dr. W. L. Johnson,	Frank Louis Bristol, *p. c.*	'75	'81	30	108	138	27	2	4	6	3	2	0	5	3	2
Wakefield,	1645	John W. White,	Albert P. Davis, *p. c.*	'94	'94	153	320	473	94	46	22	68	8	5	0	13	36	4
Walpole,	1826	S. Eugene Bentley,	Frank C. Putnam, *p. c.*	'94	'94	51	148	199	40	3	2	5	5	1	0	6	2	8
" East,	1877	Miss Sarah Pettee,	Benjamin F. Perkins, *p.*	'65	'97	12	20	32	5	0	5	5	0	0	2	2	0	0
Waltham,	1820	C. W. Durgin,	Charles E. Harrington,*p.c.*	'74	'94	183	410	593	168	50	12	62	6	11	1	18	17	4
" *Swedish,*	1892	Alfred Anderson,	Carl A. Lundgren, *p.*	'93	'96	17	36	53	7	1	6	7	1	0	8	9	0	1
Ware,	1751	Miss M. R. Howard,	Edward L. Chute, *p.*	'80	'96	15	48	63	11	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1
" East,	1826	Henry K. Hyde,	Austin B. Bassett, *p. c.*	'87	'91	132	323	455	66	5	9	14	1	10	0	11	2	14
" *French,*	1887																	
Wareham,	1739	Harriet E. Smith,	J. Herbert Yeoman, *p.*	'77	'95	19	47	66	17	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	0
Warren, 1st,	1743	E. F. Wood,				123	204	327	94	8	11	19	4	5	1	11	8	5
" West,	1866	Dea. Milton Dickson,				7	18	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick,	1829	Dea. Edw. C. Chase,	Edgar F. Blanchard, *p.*	'94	'94	19	34	53	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

Thorndike, *see* Palmer. Turner's Falls, *see* Montague. Waquoit, *see* Falmouth. Waverley, *see* Belmont.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Springfield, Park,	Charles Jacobus,	245	92	120	94	165	24	29	207	59	39	2	49	574	0	5,694
" St. John's,	Edward A. Treadwell,	113	65	40	96	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	975
" *Swedish*,	Fred Anderson,	32	25	16	21	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	187
" Faith,	Enos E. Penney,	179	90	125	0	23	0	0	62	7	0	15	50	157	0	2,000
Sterling,	Arthur S. Wilder,	125	55	74	53	37	5	0	68	23	8	0	84	225	0	1,145
Stockbridge,	Clarence H. Perry,	173	103	90	62	119	76	10	57	159	22	22	345	810	0	3,289
" Cur.	Dea. Frank A. Palmer,	99	54	50	27	71	5	20	55	17	13	0	0	181	0	650
Stoneham,	Dr. Burleigh C. Gilbert,	386	175	300	122	79	11	16	271	26	12	3	261	679	0	3,090
Stoughton,	Emerson H. Wilkins,	200			60	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	35	43	0	
Sturbridge,	Dea. John F. Hebard,	91	49	72	37	117	0	0	20	15	5	0	28	185	0	1,338
Sudbury,	L. F. Richardson,	140	70	95	35	45	10	14	135	8	16	35	0	263	50	2,004
Sunderland,	Frank O. Williams,	204	112	102	83	172	40	31	198	88	44	0	83	656	0	1,645
Sutton,	C. S. White,	143	65	146	31	34	16	12	93	9	45	1	66	276	500	1,009
Swampscott,	Barnet W. Redfern,	167	88	182	40	74	5	8	68	8	20	3	37	223	0	1,762
Taunton, West,	Lewis P. Luther,	52	30	75	23	17	0	5	3	8	3	0	6	42	0	1,800
" Trin.,	Frederick E. Austin,	300	151	240	133	1,121	104	1,020	1,146	135	86	0	458	4,070	0	5,221
" Winslow,	Henry W. Atkins,	431	247	275	121	202	143	212	591	185	45	7	500	1,885	0	12,233
" East,	Charles W. King,	44	21	50	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	429
" Union,	William F. Rose,	264	174	250	98	32	12	13	14	6	14	0	140	231	0	2,864
Templeton,	James O. Winch,	83	47	50	54	12	8	13	19	51	13	0	0	116	0	850
" Baldwinville,	H. H. Hall,	282	190	112	75	62	0	0	33	0	30	5	250	380	0	1,400
Tewksbury,	Dea. Enoch Foster,	121	75	135	51	105	13	13	36	17	25	0	38	247	0	1,400
Tolland,	Mrs. Watson I. Hale,	45	27	30	0	0	0	0	25	0	3	0	0	28	792	216
Topsfield,	Albert M. Dodge,	110	74	125	60	54	0	4	39	25	6	0	74	202	0	
Townsend,	A. S. Howland,	176	21	150	71	103	12	5	58	40	26	0	72	316	0	1,420
Truro,	Jno. B. Dyer,	50	30	35	0	18	0	0	19	8	0	0	3	48	0	325
" North,	Mrs. Sarah F. Smith,	64	40	40	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	15	0	550
Tyngsboro',	Mrs. J. Louise Blanchard,	101	59	50	77	0	0	5	0	0	12	0	10	27	0	850
Upton,	A. P. Williams, W. Upton,	244	117	250	75	57	9	11	28	20	35	9	80	249	0	1,500
Uxbridge,	Rev. Frank L. Bristol,	268	159	184	90	197	20	20	79	19	16	7	22	380	0	1,710
Wakefield,	John W. White,	519	321	325	189	422	135	40	329	100	101	0	166	1,293	0	5,600
Walpole,	Gilman F. Allen,	215	138	150	80	96	12	19	315	55	57	15	0	569	0	2,347
" East,	J. Lewis Boyden,	121	30	75	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	781
Waltham,	Marshall J. Mosher,	564	308	430	158	175	62	60	192	90	38	75	210	902	0	6,000
" *Swedish*,	W. Landström,	42	40	0	27	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	3	13	0	
Ware,	Edward L. Chute,	77	39	53	21	75	9	7	26	18	9	0	8	152	0	593
" East,	Henry E. Fisher,	382	277	310	130	994	263	71	918	339	92	0	431	3,108	0	4,900
" *French*,																
Wareham,	John Freeman,	163	65	80	70	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	8	64	0	1,653
Warren, 1st,	William H. Warren,	289	153	250	77	368	55	60	593	151	40	48	55	1,370	0	2,700
" West,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick,	Dea. W. E. Blackmer, No. Orange,	48	32	38	28	13	0	0	10	0	0	0	3	26	0	400

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Watertown,	1855	J. Henry Green,	Edward C. Porter, *p. c.*	'84	'89	106	197	303	44	7	9	16	1	10	0	+11	3	7
Wayland,	1828	Frederick H. Fowler,	[T. A. Wilson, *Meth.*]	'89	'96	15	31	46	15	2	0	2	2	3	8	13	1	0
Webster,	1838	Edwin L. Spalding,	Henry A. Blake, *p.*	'76	'88	75	150	225	20	5	1	6	5	0	0	+ 5	3	3
Wellesley,	1798	Wm. H. Blood, jr.,	Edward H. Chandler, *p. c.*	'92	'97	86	192	278	69	0	12	12	5	13	0	18	0	6
" Hills,	1847	T. Wallace Travis,	Parris T. Farwell, *p. c.*	'83	'95	38	81	119	14	2	6	8	4	0	0	+ 4	2	3
Wellfleet,	1723	Dea. Simeon Atwood,	Dorrall Lee, *p.*	'74	'97	45	112	157	48	0	4	4	4	0	0	- 4	0	0
" South,	1833	Winslow Paine,				17	35	52	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	- 2	0	0
Wendell,	1774	Mrs. Ellen L. Baker,	Edward P. Seymour, *p.*	'92	'96	16	20	36	9	2	7	9	1	1	0	+ 2	1	0
Wenham,	1663	Benj. H. Conant,	[Morris H. Turk, *Lic.*]		'98	24	53	77	20	0	0	0	3	0	0	- 3	0	0
Westboro,	1724	Otis K. Newton,	Merle A. Breed, *p.*	'93	'95	139	295	434	120	10	9	19	10	7	0	17	5	3
West Boylston,	1796	Dea. E. B. Rice, Greendale,	Samuel A. Harlow, *p.*	'82	'96	31	72	103	17	1	0	1	5	3	0	- 8	1	0
West Brookfield,	1717	Charles E. Smith,	Charles W. Loomis, *p.*	'88	'95	54	139	193	28	0	3	3	2	5	0	- 7	0	5
Westfield, 1st,	1679	Rev. J. H. Lockwood,	John H. Lockwood, *p. c.*	'71	'79	119	356	475	53	9	15	24	7	3	0	-10	9	23
" 2d,	1856	Miss J. E. Strong,	Lyman H. Blake, *p. c.*	'67	'81	130	296	426	71	3	7	10	5	4	0	+ 9	2	11
Westford,	1828	Leonard W. Wheeler,	Elijah H. Roper, *p.*	'97	'97	19	59	78	26	0	0	0	2	3	1	- 6	0	1
Westhampton,	1779	Frederick H. Judd,	Arthur C. Townsend, *p. c.*	'91	'91	91	127	218	33	2	2	4	3	3	1	7	1	8
Westminster,	1742	James B. Wood,	John W. Lees, *p.*	'70	'95	51	107	158	22	0	1	1	2	2	0	- 4	1	0
West Newbury, 1st,	1698	A. L. Moore,																
" 2d,	1731	Miss Emily A. Bailey,	Charles F. Clarke, *p.*	'92	'98	17	94	111	28	0	0	0	4	0	0	- 4	0	0
Weston,	1891	Mrs. F. L. Fuller,	Robert F. Gordon, *p.*	'75	'91	9	17	26	6	0	2	2	1	1	0	- 2	0	0
Westport,	1858	Mrs. S. E. Gammons,	John Graham, *p.*	'90	'94	11	32	43	13	2	1	3	0	0	0	+ 0	1	3
West Springfield,	1698	Dea. J. M. Smith,	Sidney K. Perkins, *p.*	'80	'93	39	82	121	23	1	3	4	5	2	3	-10	0	1
" Mittineague,	1850	E. H. Shepard,	Alpheus M. Spangler, *p. c.*	'88	'88	93	138	231	48	42	13	55	2	5	0	+ 7	29	13
" Park st.,	1871	Ethan Brooks,				55	117	172	20	5	8	13	2	1	0	+ 3	0	1
West Stockbridge, Centre,	1789	Mrs. H. A. Roberts,	Walter W. Curtis,	'72	'90	5	16	21	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	- 2	0	0
" Village,	1833	Cyrus W. Sprague,	Walter W. Curtis, *p.*	'72	'83	28	69	97	18	0	1	1	0	0	0	+ 0	0	0
West Tisbury,	1673	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	Horace Parker, *p.*	'61	'92	32	74	106	21	3	3	6	1	0	0	+ 1	3	0
Westwood, Islington,	1878	Marcus Haye,	Warren F. Bickford, *p.*	'76	'91	5	17	22	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	± 0	0	0
Weymouth, 1st, Heights,	1623	Wm. E. Humphrey,	Robert R. Kendall, *p. c.*	'78	'91	25	71	96	23	0	1	1	2	1	0	- 3	0	0
" Old South, South,	1723	Alfred O. Crawford,	Henry C. Alvord, *p. c.*	'79	'86	42	106	148	35	2	1	3	3	7	0	-10	2	2
" and Braintree,	1811	Miss Jessie Macgregor, *a*	Henry S. Snyder, *p.*	'85	'97	28	122	150	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	- 8	0	0
" Union, South,	1842	S. A. Vining,	Frank E. Butler, *p.*	'87	'96	50	125	175	33	1	4	5	3	1	0	+ 4	1	5
" Pilgrim, North,	1852	Dea. Wilson E. Beane,	Thomas H. Vincent, *p.*	'87	'97	46	93	139	0	2	4	6	2	1	0	+ 3	0	0
" East,	1860	Charles B. Cushing,	Daniel Evans, *p. c.*	'91	'91	80	186	266	45	10	10	20	1	2	0	+ 3	10	0
Whately,	1771	Charles H. Waite,	George L. Dickinson, *p. c.*	'76	'90	56	99	155	26	3	1	4	6	3	0	- 9	3	0
Whitman,	1807	B. F. Peterson,	Frank S. Hunnewell, *p. c.*	'88	'91	81	176	257	27	20	8	28	4	5	2	-11	15	6
Wilbraham,	1741	Dea. Francis E. Clark,	Martin S. Howard, *p. c.*	'56	'68	50	79	129	47	1	1	2	3	3	0	- 6	1	0
" North,	1886	Edwin W. Wall,	Henry B. Mason, *p. c.*	'92	'96	24	45	69	14	4	2	6	0	2	0	+ 2	1	2
Williamsburg,	1771	Dea. Henry W. Hill,	John Pierpont, *p.*	'88	'97	68	143	211	31	6	2	8	7	6	0	-13	3	4
" Haydenville,	1851	Dea. H. C. Smith,	George H. Buck, *p.*	'94	'94	41	105	146	29	1	0	1	5	0	0	- 5	1	0
Williamstown, 1st,	1765	Carlton G. Smith,	R. A. Robinson,	'85	'97	103	223	326	95	4	0	4	3	5	0	- 8	0	0
" College,	1834	O. M. Fernald,				11	9	20	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	+ 0	0	0

a East Braintree. West Roxbury, *see* Boston.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Watertown,	Orlando W. Dimick,	238	133	175	65	215	203	0	631	169	0	0	907	2,125	0	3,491
Wayland,	William S. Lovell,	40	23	40	23	13	0	0	0	0	5	0	19	37	0	1,300
Webster,	J. Evarts Hitchcock,	242	158	162	78	213	30	40	256	60	25	57	100	781	0	2,400
Wellesley,	Charles E. Fuller,	240	155	110	119	172	11	10	108	100	0	75	41	517	0	8,582
" Hills,	T. Wallace Travis,	138	89	136	82	1,208	14	10	156	36	13	0	81	1,518	0	3,139
Wellfleet,	Fred. W. Snow,	100	59	94	40	12	0	0	0	0	10	0	15	37	0	1,300
" South,	Miss Nellie S. Paine,	45	22	30	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	8	13	0	300
Wendell,	Fred E. Davis,	63	33	55	61	10	1	1	15	2	4	0	9	42	0	469
Wenham,	Fred A. Williams,	125	60	120	39	25	10	20	32	47	40	0	44	218	125	990
Westboro,	Ira M. Beaman,	255	170	300	118	284	27	26	508	160	60	21	189	1,285	0	3,495
West Boylston,	Herbert A. Holmes,	74	43	120	36	76	4	3	133	130	12	0	130	488	0	1,824
West Brookfield,	Myron Richardson,	150	88	200	61	28	60	0	34	46	0	0	223	391	0	1,750
Westfield, 1st,	Herbert Lyman,	475	339	345	108	797	175	23	938	59	92	16	2,050	4,150	2,000	4,670
" 2d,	Frank C. Parker,	303	171	370	174	183	14	18	452	175	41	11	547	1,441	0	4,816
Westford,	Houghton G. Osgood,	100	59	82	38	38	0	0	11	17	0	0	6	72	0	1,420
Westhampton,	Henry A. Parsons,	174	83	105	58	191	49	10	167	90	25	6	49	587	0	1,200
Westminster,	Edward C. Damon,	130	88	90	37	74	0	5	25	80	0	0	50	234	0	1,400
W. Newbury, 1st,																
" 2d,	Robert L. Smith,	172	77	158	47	12	0	0	8	0	17	0	51	88	0	959
Weston,	John C. Macdonald,	40	17	29	18	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	35	42	0	620
Westport,	Mrs. N. A. Parris,	86	49	90	27	45	0	0	98	28	0	0	19	190	0	889
W. Springfield,	Harry L. Brown,	110	57	75	29	74	127	13	90	56	28	0	40	428	0	2,300
" Mittineague,	Frank O. Scott,	225	161	120	46	89	0	15	77	24	22	0	36	263	0	2,070
" Park st.,	Nelson Sherburne,	97	83	110	0	218	0	4	178	48	7	16	13	484	0	1,548
W. Stockbridge,	Mrs. N. S. Patterson,	18	30	35	0	0	0	0	10	0	4	0	0	14	0	175
" Village,	William N. Bartlett,	127	78	75	68	56	10	16	25	19	17	7	7	157	0	1,162
West Tisbury,	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	70	45	57	45	12	0	0	0	0	7	0	31	50	0	613
Westwood,	W. F. Bickford,	48	29	33	22	6	0	0	5	7	1	0	2	21	0	475
Weymouth, 1st,	Dea. B. F. Richards,	75	38	74	30	173	10	0	29	34	12	17	30	305	0	1,698
" Old South,	Matthew R. Loud,	163	96	130	49	83	14	15	100	32	0	6	50	300	2,485	2,030
" and Braint'e	Ralph W. Loud,	128	72	200	61	40	0	0	18	0	15	0	122	195	0	2,000
" Un., South,	Louis A. Cook,	220	130	175	43	361	70	36	61	31	12	101	100	772	0	3,675
" Pilgrim,	Charles L. Seabury,	180	78	170	25	99	0	12	21	14	0	0	7	153	0	2,360
" East,	Charles D. Canterbury,	260	159	220	128	150	25	30	85	30	0	117	186	623	0	3,255
Whately,	H. S. Higgins, East Whately,	140	69	150	38	38	0	0	0	0	29	0	31	98	6,000	1,000
Whitman,	J. Lewis Tilson,	597	261	300	142	34	11	11	57	62	7	38	305	525	25	3,987
Wilbraham,	Ethelburt Bliss,	97	73	75	22	25	0	13	39	10	0	0	20	107	300	1,346
" North,	Joseph M. Perry,	56	38	37	42	12	2	2	9	7	9	1	57	99	0	1,078
Williamsburg,	Frank C. Richards,	179	80	110	46	169	0	3	47	25	3	0	13	260	0	7,850
" Haydenville,	T. S. Purrington,	135	87	120	44	54	15	6	27	25	9	0	103	239	0	1,200
Williamsto'n, 1st,	George B. Waterman,	158	101	150	33	523	41	0	679	84	0	0	385	1,712	0	2,634
" College,						382	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	382	0	0

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Williamstown, **South,**	1836	Kate L. Torrey,	[George P. Merritt, *Lic.*]		'96	14	37	51	11	6	4	10	2	0	0	2	4	0
" White Oaks,	1868	Mrs. Mary R. Hunter,	[Garrett V. Stryker, *Lic.*]		'96	28	60	88	22	8	0	8	1	2	0	3	6	5
Wilmington,	1733	Chester W. Clark,	Elijah Harmon, *p. c.*	'67	'85	35	81	116	20	2	17	19	1	2	0	3	1	1
Winchendon, 1st,	1762	Mrs. L. E. Jones,	Gustavus W. Jones, *p. c.*	'69	'91	22	29	51	14	9	0	9	1	1	0	2	4	0
" North,	1843	Rev. Davis Foster,	Davis Foster, *p. c.*	'55	'67	72	173	245	40	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	2
Winchester,	1840	Rev. Edwin B. Palmer,	D. Augustine Newton, *p. c.*	'82	'89	208	365	573	84	2	15	17	5	6	0	11	2	13
Windsor,	1773	Howlett C. Cleveland,	George Sterling,	'74	'97	12	22	34	10	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	0
Winthrop,	1896	Chas. H. Goodwin, jr.,	Arthur Truslow, *p. c.*	'96	'96	11	34	45	4	4	18	22	1	0	0	1	2	7
Woburn,	1642	Dea. Jos. G. Pollard,	{ Daniel March, *p. c., em.* { Doremus Scudder, *p. c.*	'45 '85	'76 '95	210	407	617	98	50	16	66	5	7	0	12	14	9
" **North,**	1849	Dr. J. P. Bixby,	George H. Tilton, *p.*	'73	'95	45	85	130	16	13	6	19	1	3	0	4	3	1
" *Scandinavian,*	1884	Barnard Peterson,	Carl J. Larson, *p. c.*	'95	'97	37	54	91	14	20	0	20	1	4	4	9	0	5
" **Montvale,**	1892	Dea. Wm. H. Huber,				10	19	29	0		3	3	1	0	1	2	0	0
Worcester, 1st,	1719	Munroe Murphy,	Arcturus Z. Conrad, *p. c.*	'85	'90	305	634	939	0	39	41	80	19	14	0	33	15	4
" Central,	1820	Clinton Alvord,	{ Daniel Merriman, *p. c.* { Edw. M. Chapman, *p. c.*	'68 '90	'78 '93	135	296	431	26	2	9	11	14	4	12	30	1	2
" Union,	1836	Francis E. Kimball,	John E. Tuttle, *p. c.*	'83	'96	237	524	761	128	19	47	66	16	21	0	37	12	13
" Summer st.,	1865	Dea. Chas. L. Crover,	Orange C. Bailey, *p.*	'85	'94	42	76	118	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	1
" Plymouth,	1869	J. N. Greene,	Archibald McCullagh, *p. c.*	'71	'90	283	493	776	0	10	9	19	5	13	0	18	2	8
" Piedmont,	1872	Herbert L. Wheeler,	Willard Scott, *p. c.*	'98	'98	258	447	705	84	3	0	3	5	28	0	33	1	3
" *Swedish,* 1st,	1880	Victor Sohlberg,	August L. Anderson, *p.*	'86	'94	138	182	320	6	50	7	57	2	16	5	23	0	17
" Pilgrim,	1885	Horace Hobbs,	Alexander Lewis, *p. c.*	'90	'96	192	382	574	15	51	36	87	4	14	10	28	23	6
" Park,	1887	Charles M. Smith,	Inman L. Willcox, *p. c.*	'89	'91	62	163	225	31	5	11	16	4	5	1	10	5	5
" Covenant,	1889	Miss E. Dewey,	John E. Hurlbut, *p.*	'75	'90	29	60	89	21	3	6	9	0	1	0	1	2	0
" Hope,	1889	Robert Hamill,	Ellsworth W. Phillips, *p. c.*	'91	'91	64	120	184	9	23	11	34	1	6	21	28	11	23
" Lake View,	1890	Dea. John G. Logan,	John H. Matthews, *p.*	'91	'97	25	45	70	15	5	8	13	1	2	0	3	4	0
" Belmont,	1890	Henry M. Brownell,	William B. Oleson, *p.*	'77	'94	49	89	138	0	2	4	6	3	2	1	6	2	0
" Bethany,	1891	Charles H. Hill,	Albert G. Todd, *p.*	'90	'93	28	66	94	31	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	1	0
" *Armenian,*	1892	Hachadoor Avakian,	[Hachadoor Benneyan, *Lic.*]			17	9	26	0	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
" Immanuel,	1893	Dea. Chas. H. Putnam,	George S. Dodge, *p. c.*	'72	'93	51	67	118	35	3	5	8	1	7	0	8	1	0
" *Swedish,* 2d,	1894	A. J. Johnson,	John Udd, *p. c.*	'96	'96	68	80	148	3	29	2	31	2	7	0	9	0	3
Worthington,	1771	Miss Estelle Cole,	Edward C. Camp *p.*	'94	'94	42	101	143	32	4	3	7	5	4	1	10	2	2
Wrentham,	1692	Charles E. Brown,	Edward C. Hood, *p.*	'74	'92	43	120	163	24	20	2	22	5	1	0	6	16	0
Yarmouth,	1639	A. H. Eldridge, 2d, *a*	John J. Walker, *p. c.*	'94	'97	24	105	129	21	0	2	2	7	2	0	9	0	0
" **West,**	1840	Miss Abbie B. Crowell,	Andrew H. Mulnix,	'98	'97	7	8	15	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2

a **Yarmouth Port.** Whitinsville, *see* Northbridge. Wollaston, *see* Quincy. Woods Holl, *see* Falmouth.

CHANGES from last *Year-Book's* list of churches: *Added,* — Boston, Baker; Brockton, Wendell av. and Lincoln; Clinton, *German;* Lowell, 1st Trinitarian; Pittsfield, Pilgrim; Quincy, Park and Downs. *Omitted,* — Blackstone, Millville; Franklin, South. *Names changed,* — Baldwinville is restored to Templeton, from which it was transferred by an error; Bradford and Ward Hill are transferred to Haverhill; Islington, Dedham, is now in Westwood.

CHURCHES: 282 with pastors installed by council; 252 with pastors otherwise inducted; 8 with supplies; 56 vacant (including 24 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations). Total, 598.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Williamstown, So'h,	George P. Merritt,	55	47	70	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	350
" White Oaks,	Wm. R. Stocking,	134	72	98	48	22	0	0	14	9	14	0	13	72	0	278
Wilmington,	Maurice A. Buck,	140	88	100	45	25	3	5	0	99	15	0	13	160	0	1,523
Winchendon, 1st,	George B. Stone,	60	48	50	24	55	0	14	27	25	0	0	10	131	50	430
" North,	Dea. Henry S. Allen,	279	149	200	69	372	50	60	225	290	5	0	400	1,402	0	2,550
Winchester,	Clement W. Currier,	458	253	353	95	1,339	286	162	962	462	185	80	1,018	4,494	0	7,418
Windsor,	C. B. Goodell,	50	34	80	41	10	0	0	16	0	0	0	2	28	0	370
Winthrop,	George S. Freeman,	85	55	90	15	33	0	0	76	0	10	0	41	160	0	1,224
Woburn,	John R. Carter,	679	405	630	180	1,345	357	74	719	176	229	15	5,463	8,378	0	7,659
" North,	B. F. Kimball,	211	130	125	108	69	16	11	32	40	21	0	25	214	0	2,200
" *Scand.*,	A. J. Simonson,	90	52	40	30	42	0	9	25	10	5	0	9	100	0	1,447
" Montvale,	Dea. William H. Huber,	65	55	60	70	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	520
Worcester, 1st,	Charles D. Nye,	800	434	850	260	424	211	50	1,392	300	0	252	900	3,592	0	15,000
" Central,	U. W. Cutler,	573	341	425	76	516	39	82	2,013	156	44	51	4,636	7,537	1,000	8,750
" Union,	Daniel C. Turner,	579	284	518	98	3,943	3,550	73	3,404	447	75	52	2,353	13,879	0	14,307
" Summer st.,	Edward L. Smith,	130	83			0	0	0	30	0	0	0	46	76	0	1,839
" Plymouth,	John A. Tatman,	490	288	420	90	737	5,705	204	1,594	389	75	0	5,076	13,780	0	15,555
" Piedmont,	C. Henry Hutchins,	610	338	450	141	819	884	0	2,520	314	45	2	1,942	6,526	0	12,734
" *Swed.*, 1st,	Eric Ljungquist,	392	310		90	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100	0	4,709
" Pilgrim,	Benjamin F. Joslin,	756	468	550	227	421	130	152	417	143	25	289	1,157	2,734	0	11,821
" Park,	Charles M. Smith,	291	169	250	120	90	44	0	288	0	0	0	0	422	0	4,608
" Covenant,	Henry L. Scribner,	236	114		33	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	50	60	400	1,528
" Hope,	Frank A. Thompson,	297	205	180	130	159	0	0	154	33	11	0	63	420	0	2,000
" LakeView,	Frank W. Barker,	m166	87	100	97	12	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	54	0	1,235
" Belmont,	John A. Sherman,	291	174	123	119	16	0	0	30	0	0	0	50	96	0	2,500
" Bethany,	Fred L. Moore,	125	76	75	70	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	0	1,721
" *Armenian*,	Yeahazar Sarkisian,	40	30	25	18	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	20	50	0	900
" Immanuel,	John G. Murdock,	175	128	125	92	100	0	0	64	14	11	0	74	263	0	1,324
" *Swed.*, 2d,	August Nordgren,				43	50	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	70	0	0
Worthington,	Milo R. Bates,	130	75	88	35	58	2	2	12	18	8	2	1	103	0	879
Wrentham,	Nathan H. Fales, **Pondville**,	206	105	150	131	43	0	8	41	10	10	7	108	227	0	1,871
Yarmouth,	Miss Martha W. Howes,	75	48	130	40	62	5	5	108	61	9	5	22	277	0	1,300
" West,	Isaiah Crowell,	28	20	25	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	4	12	0	285

MINISTERS: 291 pastors installed by council; 235 pastors otherwise inducted; 6 supplies; 256 others. Total, 788.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 35,828 males; 77,133 females. Total, 112,961, including 17,985 absent. Gain, 1,738.

ADDITIONS: 3,912 by confession; 3,180 by letter. Total, 7,092.

REMOVALS: 1,828 by death; 2,462 by dismissal; 748 by discipline. Total, 5,038.

BAPTISMS: 1,860 adult; 1,990 infant.

IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Members, 124,247. Gain, 2,690. Average, 72,968.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number, 544; 39,784 members.

FAMILIES: 500 churches reporting (560 last year), 86,379. Gain, 1,507.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 581 churches reporting (581 last year): Foreign, $134,339; Education, $42,757; Church Building, $18,496; Home, $175,130; A. M. A., $40,603; Sunday School, $13,732; Ministerial Aid, $6,794; Other, $177,622. Total, $609,473. Decrease, $49,078.

BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $161,474.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 568 churches reporting (566 last year), $1,629,399. Increase, $41,956.

ORGANIZATION: Twenty-five Conferences, united in THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUMMARIES.

THE CONFERENCES.		CHURCHES.					MEMBERS.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				BAPTISMS.	
Name.	Year of Organization.	Churches.	With P. C.'s	With P.'s	With other Supplies.	Unsupplied.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Confession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Letter.	Discipline.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.
Andover,	1859	28	19	6	1	2(1)	1,986	4,535	6,521	1,357	219	181	400	99	108	18	225	106	164
Barnstable,	1828	23	4	13	0	6(4)	384	1,179	1,563	285	41	30	71	50	20	2	72	28	9
Berkshire, N.,	1867	18	7	4	3	4(2)	1,262	2,336	3,598	507	236	132	368	53	82	2	137	75	70
" S.,	1860	19	4	7	2	6(2)	698	1,419	2,117	377	88	34	122	31	34	12	77	59	44
Brookfield,	1821	22	11	9	0	2	991	2,170	3,161	661	48	53	101	52	85	1	138	26	52
Essex, N.,	1828	27	17(+1)	8	0	2	1,527	3,631	5,158	657	168	71	239	70	64	9	143	112	26
" S.,	1827	37	26	7	0	4(2)	1,645	4,492	6,137	877	280	122	402	106	96	104	306	163	88
Franklin,	1843	29	4	23	0	2(2)	1,271	2,366	3,637	640	159	79	238	72	94	46	212	80	40
Hampden,	1850	47	31(+1)	16	0	0	3,098	6,386	9,484	1,568	292	328	620	131	229	142	502	162	189
Hampshire,	1865	17	7	10	0	0	1,099	2,524	3,623	564	62	57	119	72	94	8	174	31	48
" E.,	1860	16	2	11	0	3(1)	1,082	1,775	2,857	678	68	45	113	57	61	1	119	32	21
Mendon,	1858	12	4	7	0	1	596	1,587	2,183	424	54	58	112	43	34	3	80	38	28
Middlesex, S.,	1828	21	12	8	0	1(1)	1,169	2,613	3,782	687	63	66	129	73	83	55	211	33	44
" Union,	1853	23	7	14	1	1(1)	1,224	2,459	3,683	531	138	87	225	66	69	24	159	52	70
Norfolk,	1827	37	18	15	1	3(3)	1,934	4,125	6,059	706	295	229	524	115	124	40	279	145	139
Old Colony,	1856	17	5	11	0	1	596	1,487	2,083	323	67	42	109	34	35	0	69	44	19
Pilgrim,	1830	14	4(+1)	10	0	0	278	915	1,193	209	43	42	85	28	14	8	50	25	12
Suffolk, N.,	1861	28	20	6	0	2	2,588	5,610	8,198	1,134	324	326	650	120	300	84	504	128	243
" S.,	1860	28	15	11	0	2	2,498	5,275	7,773	1,215	255	255	510	86	199	44	329	87	217
" W.,	1873	25	19(+4)	4	0	2	2,977	5,863	8,840	1,611	282	292	574	122	222	11	355	100	108
Taunton,	1849	24	10	12(+1)	0	2	997	2,328	3,325	471	92	70	162	62	71	19	152	52	108
Woburn,	1848	23	12(+1)	9	0	2	1,939	4,008	5,947	838	296	222	518	78	117	50	245	140	99
Worcester,	1852	31	11(+1)	17	0	3(2)	2,676	5,136	7,812	842	279	278	557	124	166	60	350	103	108
" N.,	1827	16	6	8(−1)	0	2(1)	615	1,272	1,887	308	28	31	59	30	31	2	63	21	8
" S.,	1828	15	7	6	0	2(2)	686	1,630	2,316	515	35	45	80	54	30	3	87	18	35
Associated with R. I.,		1				1	12	12	24										
Total,		598	282	252	8	56(24)	35,828	77,133	112,961	17,985	3,912	3,180	7,092	1,828	2,462	748	5,038	1,860	1,990

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Name.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Church Building.	Home Missions.	Am. Mis. Association.	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Aid.	Other.	Total.	Legacies.	Home Expenditures.
Andover,	$4,427	$1,596	$3,155	$8,784	$2,046	$448	$249	$9,513	$30,218	$7,564	$99,988
Barnstable,	499	85	41	546	194	105	16	504	1,990	200	18,528
Berkshire, N.,	5,107	2,447	2,245	5,021	1,552	369	212	6,280	23,233	4,000	39,049
" S.,	1,764	464	125	1,336	1,036	316	58	4,411	9,510	0	21,954
Brookfield,	3,331	1,032	378	3,709	1,312	452	73	2,232	12,519	5,850	34,857
Essex, N.,	3,073	237	299	3,456	1,293	306	55	3,992	12,711	12,100	54,248
" S.,	5,364	1,235	637	6,618	2,029	701	297	8,948	25,829	15,025	66,493
Franklin,	2,016	422	391	1,692	691	353	80	1,171	6,816	9,711	36,714
Hampden,	9,692	9,068	1,697	14,038	2,610	960	462	32,488	71,015	16,040	125,892
Hampshire,	3,185	425	436	2,755	1,399	229	55	2,062	10,546	12	46,780
" E.,	2,541	315	112	2,276	935	145	89	983	7,396	725	18,668
Mendon,	852	108	111	881	595	275	46	1,506	4,374	5,411	24,048
Middlesex, S.,	2 958	440	392	2,979	1,438	365	284	4,339	13,195	2,250	49,870
" Union,	2,153	393	284	2,956	953	346	70	2,684	9,839	1,038	44,675
Norfolk,	3,361	439	398	3,579	1,785	601	435	4,960	15,558	66,820	172,508
Old Colony,	1,652	442	90	2,507	298	81	114	7,484	12,668	2,500	34,971
Pilgrim,	818	67	102	417	254	143	23	361	2,185	85	16,221
Suffolk, N.,	8,199	854	741	9,788	1,900	1,275	273	10,313	33,343	5,293	126,185
" S.,	10,884	2,798	944	15,279	3,379	830	306	7,023	41,443	0	123,462
" W.,	34,320	4,275	1,958	54,809	5,004	2,544	2,136	25,695	130,741	1,000	148,825
Taunton,	4,695	1,189	1,612	7,335	1,120	452	17	5,618	22,038	3,800	58,877
Woburn,	6,240	1,295	708	5,500	1,736	882	394	10,744	27,299	0	83,892
Worcester,	9,042	10,776	672	13,586	3,619	421	790	18,351	57,257	1,400	136,480
" N.,	1,144	299	146	1,102	593	132	9	1,329	4,754	50	19,683
" S.,	7,022	2,056	822	4,181	2,832	1,001	451	4,631	22,996	600	26,531
Associated with R. I.,											
Total,	$134,339	$42,757	$18,496	$175,130	$40,603	$13,732	$6,794	$177,622	$609,473	$161,474	$1,629,387

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Name.	Members.	Av. Attendance.	Families.	Y. P. S. C. E.	
				No.	Mem's.
Andover	6,568	4,101	4,940	26	2,171
Barnstable	1,721	989	1,490	16	658
Berkshire, N.	3,560	2,333	2,467	16	1,156
" S.	1,851	1,237	1,452	15	828
Brookfield	3,153	1,880	2,707	18	1,100
Essex, N.	5,676	3,064	4,968	24	1,655
" S.	8,176	4,876	5,331	35	3,023
Franklin	4,051	2,213	2,925	28	1,251
Hampden	10,037	6,166	6,989	39	2,787
Hampshire	2,738	1,693	2,288	15	855
" E.	2,034	1,183	1,454	14	786
Mendon	2,180	1,256	1,786	11	858
Middlesex, S.	3,989	2,297	2,853	21	1,277
" Union	3,624	2,250	2,428	22	1,400
Norfolk	8,548	4,558	5,130	33	2,745
Old Colony	2,387	1,468	2,057	17	892
Pilgrim	1,328	718	1,454	14	611
Suffolk, N.	10,377	5,994	6,329	28	2,761
" S.	10,387	5,677	5,146	27	2,954
" W.	7,461	4,627	4,347	20	1,998
Taunton	4,277	2,545	2,989	22	1,175
Woburn	7,397	4,248	5,288	23	2,583
Worcester	8,163	4,775	5,858	30	2,412
" N.	1,981	1,240	1,557	15	805
" S.	2,513	1,544	2,146	15	1,043
Associated with Rhode Island	70	34			
Total	124,247	72,968	86,379	544	39,784

SUMMARIES OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED.

YEARS.	Churches.				Ministers.								Sabbath Schools.		Benevolent Contributions.	
	Number		Members.		The Pastorate				Deaths.							
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without Installation	Pastors by C.	Pastors.	Others.	Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
1898.	7	2	1,738	—	6	21	12	2	15	2	2	11	2,690	—	—	$49,078
1897.	6	2	1,044	—	11	24	23	0	12	0	2	27	3,410	—	—	37,710
1896.	1	1	705	—	10	25	22	1	16	1	3	18	52	—	$65,015	—
1895.	5	3	1,950	—	8	21	17	1	26	1	3	22	422	—	—	44,638
1894.	8	0	1,581	—	15	35	30	2	15	2	1	15	1,429	—	—	176,171
1893.	8	2	629	—	9	22	20	0	12	0	1	7	—	995	194,507	—
1892.	9	1	1,655	—	21	24	24	2	8	2	1	11	—	1,404	—	17,737
1891.	6	2	1,999	—	11	24	17	2	9	2	0	10	1,914	—	17,206	—
1890.	5	1	1,190	—	17	29	24	2	5	2	3	13	1,849	—	16,902	—
1889.	17	0	2,461	—	4	32	20	2	12	2	4	11	934	—	20,449	—
1888.	6	2	1,295	—	10	24	25	2	2	2	2	16	2,410	—	—	28,871 35
1887.	1	2	1,425	—	12	22	39	3	4	3	0	7	1,048	—	110,514 49	—
1886.	4	2	1,262	—	11	18	22	0	1	0	1	7	588	—	—	4,394 72
1885.	3	1	3,375	—	8	33	31	2	3	2	0	11	3,355	—	100,919 45	—
1884.	3	2	—	1,945	9	28	26	3	3	3	1	12	1,816	—	23,341 82	—
1883.	0	1	957	—	15	26	27	5	3	5	1	13	2,941	—	137,601 71	—
1882.	4	0	1,276	—	6	14	11	6	3	1	0	5	—	10,999	—	41,877 74
1881.	2	1	—	1,477	15	31	26	3	4	3	3	14	5,232	—	45,231 77	—
1880.	2	4	—	348	12	28	32	7	3	7	0	12	655	—	22,000 27	—
1879.	1	2	319	—	15	28	36	2	9	2	1	18	—	349	15,170 77	—
1878.	4	1	3,995	—	13	35	43	2	6	2	0	10	3,723	—	—	75,297 55
1877.	7	2	2,519	—	7	25	48	5	7	5	2	8	754	—	—	16,274.77
1876.	4	0	787	—	9	29	47	4	14	4	1	10	—	1,119	—	15,929 92
1875.	11	2	1,688	—	11	19	37	2	4	2	*	8	4,514	—	22,705 17	—
1874.	3	2	1,015	—	10	33	34	11	6	11		11	2,150	—	—	42,248 88
1873.	6	2	11	—	21	33	36	6	4	6		13	—	687	—	2,119 87
1872.	2	0	870	—	10	42	39	7	3	7		13	332	—	98,649 52	—
1871.	2	3	517	—	9	43	53	3	5	3		5	—	2,293	2,010 21	—
1870.	6	4	9	—	16	25	46	9	5	9		14	—	700	37,726 82	—
1869.	7	3	531	—	17	42	50	2	3	2		15	404	—	Unk'n	
1868	3	3	1,692	—	17	37	46	1	8	1		5	2,620	—	"	
1867.	5	2	2,879	—	12	33	59	2	10	2		15	3,713	—	"	
1866.	9	5	—	263	10	27	32	5		5		13	920	—	"	
1865.	8	8	1,099	—						1		6	—	775		
1860.	6	3	—	413						9		6	—	161		
1855.	5	1	532	—						6		6	940	—		
1851	2	2	2,467	—									2,249	—		

Note. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, — the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they *were* to what they *should* have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

* Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers

CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES.

Year.	Churches.					Ministers.					Church Members, Jan. 1.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms.		In Sab. Schs.		Benevolent Contributions.
	With P. C.	With P.	With[b] S.	Vacant.	Total.	P. C.	P.	S.	Others.	Total	Males.	Fem.	Total	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death	Dism.	Disc.	Total.	Adult	Infant	Mem.	Av. Att.	
1898	282	252	8	56	598	291	235	6	256	788	35,828	77,133	112,961	17,985	3,912	3,180	7,092	1,828	2,462	748	5,038	1,860	1,990	124,247	72,968	$609,473
1897	274	241	10	68	593	280	226	10	271	787	35,331	75,892	111,223	17,453	3,382	3,050	6,432	1,848	2,590	915	5,353	1,633	1,616	121,557	70,571	658,551
1896	281	224	15	69	589	287	214	15	270	786	35,038	75,141	110,179	17,216	3,786	2,964	6,750	1,849	2,650	936	5,435	1,326	1,661	118,379	69,581	696,261
1895	273	215	22	79	589	280	210	21	287	778	34,461	75,013	109,474	17,044	4,106	3,282	7,388	1,843	2,653	952	5,448	1,964	1,802	118,327	70,262	631,246
1894	267	203	27	90	587	271	194	22	293	780	34,032	73,492	107,524	16,957	3,733	3,260	6,993	1,935	2,730	721	5,386	1,849	1,804	117,905	70,796	675,884
1893	267	198	16	98	579	276	184	16	342	818	33,598	72,345	105,943	17,125	3,324	3,005	6,329	2,074	2,506	850	5,430	1,654	1,452	116,476	69,323	852,055
1892	265	195	11	102	573	275	199	11	315	800	33,433	71,881	105,314	15,865	3,617	3,170	6,787	1,916	2,721	475	5,112	1,840	1,543	117,471	68,640	657,548
1891	272	176	16	101	565	283	181	15	286	765	32,596	71,063	103,659	17,206	3,530	3,043	6,573	1,757	2,604	479	4,840	1,883	1,674	118,375	72,041	675,285
1890	268	190	23	80	561	278	178	22	276	754	32,133	69,527	101,660	17,595	3,836	3,159	6,995	1,754	2,744	913	5,411	1,930	1,377	116,961	68,574	658,979
1889	264	177	45	93	557	264	177	45	220	706	31,592	68,878	100,470	15,838	3,718	2,760	6,478	1,780	2,513	337	4,630	1,838	1,258	115,112	66,899	641,177
1888	261	204		75	540	277	165		236	678	29,465	64,712	97,707	15,541	3,882	2,839	6,721	1,788	2,313	185	4,286	2,013	1,229	114,178		678,950
1887	258	178		99	535	282	157		259	698	29,029	63,967	96,412	15,836	3,733	2,688	6,421	1,537	2,114	189	3,856	1,905	961	111,768		707,821
1886	277	189		70	536	289	165		211	665	28,577	62,697	94,987	15,931	3,752	2,687	6,440	1,688	2,170	150	4,011	1,843	1,025	110,720		597,307
1885	283	166		85	534	297	178		186	661	28,857	63,423	93,725	15,239	3,013	2,503	5,519	1,603	1,979	168	3,752	1,414	1,008	110,182		601,702
1884	283	169		80	532	300	155		186	641	27,777	62,573	90,350	13,877	2,800	2,071	4,871	1,587	1,979	141	3,707	1,451	800	106,827		500,782
1883	278	160		93	531	295	153		202	650	30,957	61,338	92,295	14,872	2,371	2,180	4,551	1,585	1,861	148	3,594	1,051	837	105,011		477,440
1882	274	178		50	532	278	143		215	636	28,473	61,135	89,608	14,392	2,153	2 001	4,154	1,682	1,724	137	3,539	1,103	966	94,977		349,839
1881	269	164		95	528	264	119		228	611	28,494	61,468	89,962	14,399	1 631	1,940	3,571	1,410	1,592	145	3,147	874	842	105,976		391,716
1880	280	171		75	526	284	164		185	633	29,045	62,394	91,439	14,384	1,761	1,835	3,596	1,454	1,745	151	3,350	922	968	100,744		346,485
1879	282	180		66	528	286	174		195	655	29 212	62,575	91,787	14,764	2,421	1,869	4,290	1,401	1,669	116	3,186	1,235	954	99,089		324,484
1878	277	174		78	529	280	169		194	643	28,995	62,473	91,468	14,100	5,698	2,577	8,275	1,418	2,066	159	3,643	3,103	1,353	100,438	62,290	309,314
1877	269	174		83	526	275	171		196	642	27,479	59,994	87,473	12,833	4,407	2,085	6,492	1,517	1,807	178	3,502	2,480	1,078	96,715		384,611
1876	289	163		69	521	292	162		187	641	26,580	58,374	84,954	13,177	3,103	2,244	5,347	1,531	2,163	89	3,783	1,616	1,153	95,961	61,391	400,886
1875	301	136		80	517	305	134		167	606	26,346	57,821	84,167	12,777	3,869	2,739	6,608	1,391	2 295	94	3,780	2,137	1,111	97,160	62,295	416,816
1874	307	116		85	508	314	116		166	596	25,810	56,669	82,479	12,506	2,329	2,279	4,608	1,380	1,902	67	3,349	1,112	1,012	92,646	60,036	394,111
1873	307	127		73	507	316	127		173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13 305	2,713	2,438	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,287	915	90,496	58,405	436,359
1872	299	123		81	503	304	123		164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13,874	2,569	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3,906	1,236	882	91,183	61,571	438,479
1871	292	134		75	501	297	134		166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2,009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,851	61,443	439,830
1870	294	119		89	502	298	117		176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,320
1869	311	116		73	500	314	115		172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11,970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61,149	300,093
1868	301	113		82	496	307	112		156	575	24,734	54,792	79,526	11,509	3,513	2,163	5,676	1,170	2,122	58	3,350	1,928	1,072	93,440	62,782	298,533
1867	295	114		87	496	300	113		154	567	24,082	53,752	77,834	11,695	4,044	2,316	6,960	1,220	2,051	114	4,385	2,314	1,168	90,820	61,407	315,322
1866	310	109		74	493	316	107		166	589	25,177	51,178	74,955	11,147	2,153	1,696	3,749	1,307	1,703	98	3,108	1,010	987	87,107	60,036	392,244
1865	313	100		76	489	318	101		147	566	23,488	51,730	75,218	11,706	3,030	1,790	4,820	1,454	1,675	124	3,253	1,467	1,023	86,187	58,284	
1860	325	81		82	488	333	78		176	587	24,217	51,302	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3,110	780	1,293	80,124		
1855	351	54		62	467	366	55		135	556	20,999	45,218	69,509	8,756	1,713	1,618	3,331	1,119	1,674	97	2,890	737	1,254	66,147		
1850	347	58		56	461	356	56						64,830		1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	64,178		
1845					440								65,467											62,108		
1840					408								62,513											62,305		
1835					387								49,089											44,040		
1830					347								37,987											34,787		

In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sabbath School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of *churches*, *members*, and of *Sabbath schools* was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. The number of churches "Vacant" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

1. ANDOVER, Organized July 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester.	W. C.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	'95, Feb. 26.	Dracut.	P. C.
Cecil F. P. Bancroft,	'67, May 1.	'90, Sept 23.	Andover.	Prof.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 27.	N. Andover.	P. C.
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, March 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Chelmsford.	P. C.
William A. Bartlett,	'86, Jan. 4.	'96, Feb. 23.	Lowell.	P. C.
James M. Blue,	'96, July 14.	'96, Sept. 29.	Lawrence.	P.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'89, May 28.	Lawrence.	W. C.
Park A. Bradford,	'79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.	Tyngsboro.	W. C
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.	'90, April 8.	North Chelmsford.	P.
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May.	Andover.	W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	'73, June 3.	Andover.	C. M.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'89, Sept. 24.	Lawrence.	P. C.
J. Wesley Churchill,	'69, April 30.	'82, April 11.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Thomas G. A. Coté,	'71, April 9.	'82, April 11.	Lowell.	W. C.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.	'84, Dec. 2.	Boston.	P. C.
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.	'96, Sept. 29.	Andover.	W. C.
Sarah A. Dixon,	'97, June 16.	'97, Dec. 7.	Tyngsboro.	P. C.
Arthur L. Golder,	'91, Sept. 21.	'97, May 25.	Ballardvale.	P.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell.	P. C.
Daniel W. Hardy,	'74, Oct. 20.	'95, Dec. 3.	Billerica.	P.
Edward Y Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell.	P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover.	W. C.
George H. Johnson,	'77, July 6.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.	'90, Sept. 23.	*N. Londonderry, N. H.*	P.
Willis D. Leland,	'80, Jan. 23.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	P. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,	'96, June 12.	'96, Sept. 29.	Andover.	P. C.
Charles L. Merriam,	'82, Sept. 13.	'92, June.	Lowell.	P. C.
Selah Merrill,	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	Andover.	W. C.
Charles L. Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	Winchester.	W. C.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2,	'95, May 28.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Lewis W. Morey,	'82, Sept. 6.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	W. C.
Andrew P. Nelson,	'94, Mar. 1.	'98, Feb. 22.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	'76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen.	P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, June.	Andover.	W. C

1. Andover (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Hovhannes Kevork Santikian,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Dec. 7.	Lowell.	M.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover.	P. C.
John Phelps Taylor,	'68, Nov. 12.	'85, Nov. 3.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Elbridge C. Whiting,	'91, Sept. 30.	'97, May 25.	Tewksbury.	P.
Charles H. Willcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
Worcester Willey,	'44, Oct. 14.	'72, Oct. 4.	Andover.	W. C.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover.	P C.
William E. Wolcott,	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof.

Licentiates. — 1895: John C. Campbell, Morrison E. Meriam, Julian H. Olmstead. — 1896: George S. Ball, Albert V. Bliss, Pemberton H. Cressey, Frank W. Dean, Robert W. Dunbar, Leslie C. Greeley, Albert W. Howes, Benjamin E. Ray, Walter H. Rollins, Frank N. Saltmarsh, Alexander Sloan, Henry H. Walker, Gavin H. Wright.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesday in December, and fourth Tuesdays in February, May, and September.

Rev. Edward W. Pride, Andover, scribe.

2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.	'85, Sept. 16.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45, Feb. 19.	'77, Dec. 3.	*Washington, D. C.*	W. C.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	*Baltimore, Md.*	Dean Coll.
Samuel Harrison,	'50, Aug. 13.	'52, Nov. 8.	Pittsfield.	P.
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16,	Hinsdale.	P. C.
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P.
William E. Morse,	'86, May 1.	'90, Dec. 2.	Dudley.	P.
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, Apr. 10.	'94, June 12.	Adams.	P. C.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
William Slade,	'88, Sept. 18.	'93, Feb. 21.	Hampton, Ct.	P.
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Edward Strong,	'42, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 7.	Pittsfield.	W. C.
William L. Tenney,	'88, Sept. 20.	'95, Dec. 20.	North Adams.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — In March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Laird, Hinsdale, scribe and treasurer.

3. BERKSHIRE SOUTH (BERKSHIRE, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Arthur J. Benedict,	'75, May 25.	'93, Jan. 31.	Housatonic.	P.
Leon D. Bliss,	'89, Oct. 31.	'96, Oct. 27.	Great Barrington.	P. C.
Albert J. Chittenden,	'62, Sept. 28.	'94, April 24.	Mill River.	W. C.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbridge.	P.
J. Jay Dana,	'35, Sept. 9.	'86, Jan. 26.	Housatonic.	W. C.
Edward Day,	'86, Sept. 15.	'91, Jan. 27.	Lenox.	P. C.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
Alonzo T. Lamb,	'93, July 26.	'95, Oct. 29.	W. Wareham.	P.
Telesphore Levique,	'91, April 1.	'93, May 2.		W. C.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	Williamstown.	W. C.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Lenox.	W. C.
Frederick R. Marvin,	'78, April 18.	'87, Oct. 25.	*Troy, N. Y.*	W. C.
Evarts W. Pond,	'95, May 2.	'97, Oct. 26.	Sheffield.	P.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Oct. 27.	Stockbridge.	P. C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.	Lee.	P. C.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	*Madura.*	Missionary.

Licentiate. — Edward C. Sedgwick.

STATED MEETINGS. — Last Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Edward Day, Lenox, scribe and treasurer.

4. BROOKFIELD, Organized June 22, 1757.

Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15.	'91, April 21.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	'93, Oct. 24.	Brimfield.	W. C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	'96, Jan. 14.	Brookfield.	P. C.
Allen A. Bronsdon.	'98 Dec. 2.	'98 Jan. 11.	Oakham.	P. C.
Sidney A. Burnaby,	'81, Sept. 21.	'94, July 3.	*Canaan, Ct.*	P.
D. Olin Clark,	'78, June 11.	'86, Nov. 15.	Worcester.	W. C.
Wm. Byron Forbush,	'92, Feb. 17.	'97, July 27.	Warren.	P. C.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	'94, Jan. 16.	W. Brookfield.	W. C.
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept. 9.	'97, July 27.	N. Brookfield.	W. C.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	'79, Oct. 15.	Barre.	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	'81, April 19.	Globe Village.	P. C.
Amos Holbrook,	'66, May 9.	'96, Oct. 13.	Sturbridge.	W. C.
Robert J. Kyle,	'85, Sept. 12.	'97, Jan. 22.	Brimfield.	P.
Charles W. Loomis.	'88, May 23.	'98, Jan 11.	W. Brookfield.	P.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	'95, July 2.	Hardwick.	P.
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	'94, July 3.	Sturbridge.	P.
Martin L. Richardson,	'60, Mar. 7.	'63, Sept. 13.	Montague.	P.
Laurent E. Rivard,	'94, June 19.	'95, April 16.	Ware.	W. C.
John L. Sewall.	'82, July 19.	'98, Jan. 11.	N. Brookfield.	P. C.
Uriel W. Small,	'59, Sept. 22.	'91, Jan. 13.		W. C.
Joseph J. Spencer,	'90, Oct. 1.	'91, Oct. 6.	N. Brookfield.	P. C.
Dwight C. Stone,	'88, May 22.	'96, April 14.	Gilbertville,	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Brookfield, scribe.

5. Cape Cod (Barnstable, 1792; Brewster, 1832; Vineyard Sound, 1836), Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'82, Jan. 31.	Hyannis.	W. C.
Charles A. Breck,	'94, Sept. 25	'97, Aug. 4.	Cotuit.	P.
Samuel W. Clarke,	'74, Jan. 16.	'92, July 19.	*Willington, Ct.*	W. C.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.	'94, July 17.	Lynn.	W. C.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, April 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
George S. Dodge,	'93, June 6.	'94, Jan. 16.	Woods Holl.	P.
Edward T. Ford,	'97, May 25.	'97, Oct. 19.	Harwichport.	P.
Edgar B. French,	'97, Sept. 7.	'97, Oct. 19.	W. Barnstable.	P.
William Harris,	'76, June 10.	'96, Jan. 21.	Truro.	P.
John W. Hayley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'95, Jan. 15.	Lowell.	W. C.
Artemas J. Haynes,	'94, Oct. 2.	'94, Oct 16.	*Chicago, Ill.*	P.
Henry S. Kimball,	'66, May 31.	'95, Oct. 29.	Hyannis.	W. C.
Dorrall Lee,	'74, Sept. 16.	'97, April 20.	Wellfleet.	P.
Andrew H. Mulnix,	'88, Feb. 3.	'88, April 26.	Hyannis.	P. C.
E. Irving Racket,	'94, May 9.	'94, July 17.	Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rea,	'73, Aug. 8.	'79, Jan. 28.	*Exeter, N. H.*	W. C.
Daniel W. Richardson,	'62, Aug. 14.	'96, Aug. 4.	Chatham.	P.
Ezra J. Riggs,	'79, July 10.	'91, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
Robert Samuel,	'59, Nov. 3.	'84, Oct. 28.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William F. Skerrye,	'96, Aug. 31.	'97, Jan. 19.	Provincetown.	P.
Ezra N. Smith,	'72, June 12.	'92, April 19.	N. Falmouth.	P.
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'97, April 20.	Yarmouth.	P. C.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'95, Aug 20.	Boston.	P. C.
Chas. H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William H. Woodwell,	'73, June 12.	'89, June 11.	Sandwich.	P.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October. Rev. Ezra N. Smith, N. Falmouth, secretary.

6. Essex North, Organized September 6, 1761.

Charles Beecher,	'44, Nov. 2.	'57, Dec. 22.	Georgetown.	W. C.
George Benedict,	'83, Oct. 9.	'92, Dec. 20.	N. Abington.	P. C.
Isaac N. Carleton,	*Licentiate.*	'87, April 19.	Bradford.	Teacher.
George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Amesbury.	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, Jan. 19.	'93, Oct. 17.	Rowley.	P.
F. Lincoln Davis,	'93, Nov. 8.	'94, April 17.	*Brooklyn, N. Y.*	P. C.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Daniel T. Fiske,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	P. C.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Charles S. Holton,	'92, Nov. 30.	'97, Dec. 21.	Newbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20.	West Boxford.	P. C.

6. Essex North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	*Hampton Falls, N. H.*	P.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	P. C.
George W. Lawrence,	'88, Feb 14.	'96, Dec. 15.	*Atkinson Dep't, N.H.*	P. C.
Charles E. Lord,	'44, May 8.	'90, Dec. 16.	Newburyport.	W. C.
John N. Lowell,	'77, Nov. 21.	'81, Feb 21.	Haverhill.	P.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, Jan. 20.	'92, April 19.	Georgetown.	P. C.
Charles P. Mills,	'80, Sept. 23.	'80, Dec. 21.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.	Bradford.	W. C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'92, April 19.	Chiltonville.	P.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'76, June 20.	Winchester.	Tr. H. M.Soc.
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.	*Aintab.*	Prof.
Myron O. Patton,	'94, May 29,	'95, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.
John Pike,	'38, April 25.	'42, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
George H. Reed,	'87, June 3.	'92, April 19	Haverhill.	P. C.
John H. Reid,	'90, Aug. 10.	'93, Feb. 21.	Newburyport.	P.
George L. Richmond,	'87, Oct. 10.	'90, April 15.	Amesbury.	P. C.
Francis W. Sanborn,	'78, Dec. 18.	'85, Dec. 16.		W. C.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21.	*Atkinson, N. H.*	P.
Egbert C. Smyth,	'56, July 23.	'67, April 19.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
John Rounds Smith,	'92, Sept. 1.	'93, Feb. 21.	Salem.	W. C.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.	'93, April 18.	Merrimac.	P. C.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.	Byfield.	P. C.
C. Julian Tuthill,	'94, May 1.	'95, Dec. 17.	Georgetown.	P. C.

Stated Meetings.— Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Haverhill, scribe.

7. Essex South and Salem (Essex South, September 3, 1717; Salem, October 15, 1840), Organized by union, December 1, 1885.

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'98, Jan. 11.	Danvers.	P. C.
Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.	'89, May 14.	Rockport.	P. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford	P. C. Linebrook.
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 3.	'96, Mar. 10.	West Peabody.	P.
William A. Bacon,	'95, Oct. 1.	'95, Nov. 12.	Beverly.	P.
S. Linton Bell,	'76, Jan. 5.	'81, April 1.	Marblehead.	P. C.
Emery L. Bradford,	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.	Boxford.	P. C.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.	Salem.	P. C.
John W. Buckham,	'88, Aug. 9.	'91, Jan. 13.	Salem.	P. C.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	P.
Lyndon S. Crawford,	'79, Aug. 20.	'84, Jan. 8.	*Broosa, W. Turkey.*	F. M.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	W. Gloucester.	P.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.		W. C.

7. Essex South and Salem (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31.	'96, Mar. 10.	Magnolia.	P. C.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Danvers Centre.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'95, Mar. 12.	Manchester.	P. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Lynnfield.	P. C.
Curtis M · Geer,	'90, June 25.	'95, Mar. 12.	*Lewiston, Me.*	W. C.
Willis A. Hadley,	'78, Aug. 21.	'94, May 9.	Lynn.	P. C.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.	'86, Dec. 1.	Peabody.	P. C.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
Frederick A. Holden,	'85, Sept. 18.	'92, Nov. 15.	*Burlington, Ct.*	P.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.	'79, Jan. 14.	Swampscott.	W. C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Dracut.	P.
John C. Labaree,	'62, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.	Saugus.	P.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'92, Mar. 8.	Middleton.	P. C.
O. T. Lanphear,	'49, Oct. 25.	'68, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	W. C.
Carl A. Lundgren,	'93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Waltham.	P.
Hugh McLeod,	'55, June 25.	'85, Jan. 13.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Merrill,	'84, May 17.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lynn.	P.
Albert W. Moore,	'73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	P. C.
William J. Murray,	'79, April 28.	'89, Mar. 12.	Essex.	P. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.	Lynn.	P.
Francis A. Poole,	'93, July 12.	'95, Jan. 8.	Topsfield.	P.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers Centre.	Sect.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	Boston.	P.
J. Henry Thayer,	'59, Dec. 29.	'60, Mar. 6.	Cambridge.	Prof.
W. Sherman Thompson,	'91, Oct. 14.	'97, Mar. 9.	Cliftondale.	P.
Francis J. Van Horn,	'93, Oct. 5.	'96, Mar. 10.	Beverly.	P. C.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Wenham.	P.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	'79, Feb 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Licentiate. — Peter Johnson, Pigeon Cove.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

8. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'89, Nov. 19.	Shelburne Falls.	P.
G. Glenn Atkins,	'95, Jan. 2.	'95, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	P.
George H. Bailey,	'67, Nov. 26.	'94, July 10.	Ashfield.	P.
Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	Warwick.	P.

8. FRANKLIN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
Andrew Campbell,	'96, Sept. 24.	'97, Feb. 9.	Deerfield.	P.
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'94, July 10.	*Keene, N. H.*	W. C.
Charles M. Crooks,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Sept. 14.	Coleraine.	
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	'92, April 11.	Whately.	P. C.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	P.
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.	'82, Feb. 14.	Buckland.	P. C.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	Millers Falls.	P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'96, Sept. 15.	Conway.	P.
William R. Joyslin,	'64, Feb. 4.	'97, Nov. 9.	Charlemont.	P.
George W. Judson,	'87, July 1.	'90, June 12.	Orange.	P. C.
Thomas C. Kinne,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Caldwell Morrison,	'93, Nov. 2.	'93, Dec. 12.	*Orange, N. J.*	W. C.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.	'96, May 12.	Hawley.	P. C.
Stephen H. Robinson,	'78, Sept. 7.	'88, Aug. 14.	*Greenfield, N. H.*	P.
Edward P. Seymour,	'92, Oct. 25.	'97, Sept. 14.	Wendell.	
Ira A. Smith,	'82, Sept. 27.	'88, Feb. 4.	Scotland.	P.
David H. Strong,	'85, June 16.	'88, Nov. 13.	Bernardston.	P.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	P.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemont.	P.
John A. Woodhull,	'56, Jan. 1.	'90, Nov. 11.	Plainfield.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Charles C. Duncan, John C. Wightman.

STATED MEETINGS. — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in September, November, and February.

Rev. Andrew Campbell, Deerfield, scribe.

9. HAMPDEN, Organized February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

Simeon O. Allen,	'70, Dec. 1.	'91, Feb. 10.	West Springfield.	W. C.
Edward P. Armstrong,	'81, Feb. 15.	'87, Feb. 8.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Assist. P.
Stephen G. Barnes,	'81, April 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Longmeadow.	P. C.
Harlan P. Beach,	'83, July 19.	'93, Feb. 14.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Albert G. Beebee,	'54, June 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	Springfield.	W. C.
Lyman H. Blake,	'67, Nov. 14.	'81, Dec. 6.	Westfield.	P. C.
Richard H. Bosworth,	'82, May 12.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
Ralph W. Brokaw,	'77, July 18.	'89, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	*Rahuri, India.*	F. M.
S. G. Buckingham,	'37, May 24.	'47, Aug. 3.	Springfield.	P. C. Em.
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee.	P. C.
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	Springfield.	P. C.
Allen E. Cross,	'92, Dec. 29.	'97, Nov. 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Huntington.	P

9. HAMPDEN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Myron S. Dudley,	'71, Sept. 28.	'87, Feb. 8.	Nantucket.	P.
Allen C. Ferrin,	'96, June 30.	'97, July 13.	Blandford.	P. C.
Aaron W. Field,	'72, Nov. 13.	'81, Feb. 8.	New Marlboro.	P.
Albert E. Fitch,	'96, Nov. 11.	'97, Nov. 9.	West Springfield.	P. C.
Everett D. Francis,	'95, Nov. 20.	'97, Feb. 9.	Ludlow.	P. C.
Frank L. Garfield,	'93, Feb. 21.	'93, April 11.	Feeding Hills.	P. C.
Lewis F. Giroux,	'89 April 17.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.	'95, April 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,	'76, May 7.	'89, Feb. 12.	Monson.	P. C.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Edward C. Haynes,	'82, April 18.	'95, Nov. 12.	Huntington.	P.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	P. C.
George H. Hubbard,	'84, Sept. 13.	'97, July 13.	Enfield.	P. C.
John A. Hughes,	'93, June 8.	'97, July 13.		W. C.
William T. Hutchins,	'76, Dec. 20.	'92, Nov. 7.	Indian Orchard.	P. C.
Frank E. Jenkins,	'81, May 18.	'93, Nov. 14.	Atlanta. Ga.	P. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edward H. Knight,	'83, July 25.	'83, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'95, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	W. C.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	Pres. Coll.
John H. Lockwood,	'71, Nov. 5.	'79, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	P. C.
Clarence C. Lyon,	'90, Dec. 17.	'94, Nov. 13.	Marblehead.	W. C.
F. Barrows Makepeace,	'73, June 19.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Henry B. Mason,	'92, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	N. Wilbraham.	P. C.
Samuel L. Merrell,	'50, Jan. 8.	'82, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	P. C.
Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Egbert N. Munroe,	'81, May 4.	'89, Nov. 12.	Stowe, Vt.	P.
Charles Pease,	'96, Oct. 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	Chicopee.	P.
Sidney K. Perkins,	'80, July 20.	'94, July 10.	W. Springfield.	P.
Hervey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95, July 9.	Chicopee Falls.	P. C.
Paul H. Pitkin,	'66, Sept. 11.	'82, May 9.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Abram J. Quick,	'64, Mar. 7.	'91, Nov. 10.	*Baltimore, Md.*	W. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield.	Pres. S.C.W.
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam.	P. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'95, April 9.	West Hawley.	P.
A. Lincoln Shear,	'90, April 9.	'96, Nov. 10.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Alpheus M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.	'88, Nov. 13.	Mittineague.	P. C.
Frank M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	*Tampa, Fla.*	P.
Thomas S. St. Aubin,	'93, Oct. 1.	'98, Feb. 8.	Springfield.	P. C.
Richard L. Swain,	'84, Aug. 21.	'94, July 10.	S. Hadley Falls.	P. C.
Charles S. Sylvester,	'59, Oct. 20.	'66, Sept. 4.	Feeding Hills.	W. C.
William J. Tate,	'92, Nov. 16.	'93, April 11.	*Lockport, N. Y.*	P.

9. Hampden (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	'97, Nov. 9.	Springfield.	
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
James Tufts,	'44, Sept. 23.	'54, Feb. 2.	Monson.	Teacher.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'98, Feb. 8.	Longmeadow.	Evan.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.	Holland.	P.
George W. Winch,	'75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.

Licentiate. — 1897, James C. Greenough

Stated Meetings. — In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July, and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

10. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

John E. Bowman,	'95, Feb. 14.	'97, June 8.	Billerica.	W. C.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	Haydenville.	P.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'95, June 11.	Worthington.	P.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	Northampton.	P.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Florence.	P. C.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'98, Feb. 8.	Southampton.	P.
Harlan Creelman,	'89, Sept. 17.	'90, Feb. 11.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Prof.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'85, Feb. 17.	Northampton.	W. C.
George M. Gerrish,	'94, June 8.	'94, Oct. 16.	Thorndike.	P.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton.	P. C.
Robert H. Life,	'95, Oct. 25.	'97, June 8.	Northampton.	Asso. P.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M.D.	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'96, Oct. 20.	Northampton.	W. C.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Prof. Coll.
Wilbur Rand,	'83, May 9.	'95, June 11.	Huntington.	P.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C..
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'80, June 1.	Easthampton.	Prof.
William C. Scofield,	'51, Oct. 15.	'95, June 11.	*Washington, D. C.*	W. C.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	'75, Feb. 2.	Northampton.	Pres. Coll.
Samuel T. Seelye,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Henry H. Smith,	'73, Sept. 7.	'94, June 5.	Huntington.	W. C.
Joseph W. Strout,	'86, June 29.	'95, Oct. 29.	Cummington.	P.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield.	P.
Arthur C. Townsend,	'91, June 10.	'92, Feb. 2.	Westhampton.	P. C.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	Prof.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton.	W. C.
Irving F. Wood,	'94, Mar. 6.	'96, June 2.	Northampton,	Prof. Coll.
Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'89, Feb. 9.	Easthampton.	P. C.

Licentiate. — George C. Richmond.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. E. G. Cobb, Florence, scribe.

11. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Warren H. Beaman,	'41, Sept. 15.	'41, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby.	P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Pres. Coll.
Frederick H. Bodman,	'95, May 27.	'96, Dec. 1.	Amherst,	W. C.
Edward P. Crowell,	*Licentiate.*	'65, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William E. Dickinson,	'60, Dec. 19.	'97, Feb. 3.	Amherst,	W. C.
Levi H. Elwell,	*Licentiate.*	'80, Dec. 21.	Amherst.	Inst. in Coll.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	*Ahmednagar, India.*	F. M.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	No. Amherst.	W. C.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	'90, Dec. 2.	No. Amherst.	P. C.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	S. Amherst.	P.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	'72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Charles E. Houghton,	'76, May 24.	'89, May 28.	Prescott.	P.
Oliver Huckel,	'90, Sept. 10.	'96, May 26.	*Baltimore, Md.*	P. C.
Newton I. Jones,	'75, July 15.	'94, May 29.	Boston.	W. C.
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Hadley.	P.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley.	P. C.
William D. Love,	'48, April 4.	'79, Sept. 16.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	W. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	*Riverside, Cal.*	W. C.
George J. Newton,	'97, July 22.	'98, Feb. 6.	Belchertown.	P.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'97, Dec. 7.	S. Hadley.	P.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.	Greenwich.	P.
Nelson Scott,	'46, Sept. 24.	'80, Feb. 17.	Amherst.	W. C.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst.	Pr. of Ag. Coll.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81, Nov. 2,	'96, May 26.	Amherst.	Teacher.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	'77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield.	P. C.
Chas. L. Woodworth,	'49, Nov. 7.	'93, Dec. 5.	Amherst.	P.

Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, re-licensed Sept. 21, 1897; W. L. Montague, re-licensed Dec. 4, 1894; L. H. Elwell, re-licensed Dec. 1, 1896.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, June, and December, and third Tuesday of September.

Rev. Geo. E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

12. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	W. Medway.	P.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Ashburnham.	P.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	*Redlands, Cal.*	W. C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'93, June 13.	Foxboro.	P.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8,	'96, Dec. 1.	Wrentham.	P.
Alexis W. Ide,	'59, July 7.	'72, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	Boston.	W. C.
Franklin C. Jones,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, April 7.	Norfolk.	W. C.

12. MENDON (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles W. Longren,	'87, Aug. 24,	'95, Feb. 12,	Franklin.	P.
Francis J. Marsh,	'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	W. C.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	P.
Leroy M. Pierce.	'70, Feb. 4.	'98, Apr. 5.	Medfield.	P.
Frank C. Putnam,	'94, Sept. 12.	'94, Oct. 2.	Walpole.	P. C.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian.
William M. Thayer,	'49, June 20.	'72, Mar. 12.	Franklin.	W. C.
Horace Wellington,	'47, Oct.	'89, Dec. 10.	Roxbury.	W. C.
Albert H. Wheelock,	'88, July 3.	'94, Mar. 13.	Millis.	P.
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	'88, June 13.	Milford.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, April, October, and December.

Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, scribe.

13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, Organized June 7, 1830.

Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Edward E. Bradley,	'93, June 20.	'94, Dec. 4.	Lincoln.	P. C.
Merle A. Breed,	'93, Nov. 21.	'97, May 4.	Westboro.	P. C.
George A. Brock,	'91, June 29.	'92, May 3.	Saxonville.	P. C.
Irving A. Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15.	'97, Dec. 7.	S. Natick.	P.
Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'97, Sept. 21.	Wellesley.	P. C.
Edward L. Chute,	'80, July 20.	'85, Sept. 14.	Ware.	P.
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	P. C.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.	'75, Sept. 21.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 2.	Framingham.	P. C.
Fred E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.	'90, Sept. 16.	So. Framingham.	P. C.
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville.	W. C.
Lincoln B. Goodrich,	'93, June 29.	'97, Sept. 21.	Marlboro.	P. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Weston.	P.
Theodore J. Holmes,	'59, Oct. 5.	'94, Sept. 18.	Hopkinton.	P. C.
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug.	'95, Sept. 17.	Maynard.	P.
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'69, Oct. 5.	Halifax.	P.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'88, May 1.	Malden.	W. C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro.	P.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Clarence W. Rouse,	'90, Dec. 4.	'95, Dec. 3.	S. Sudbury.	P. C.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.	Northboro.	P.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	P. C.
Charles L. Tomblen,	'77, Aug. 30.	'95, Dec. 3.	Ashland.	P.
Nicholas Vander Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.	'96, May 5.	Holliston.	P. C.
John Wood,	'40, April 8.	'71, Dec. 5.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
Granville Yager,	'76, June 20.	'92, Sept. 20.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — George W. Fiske, Holliston.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, May, and December, third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills scribe.

14. Middlesex Union, Organized January, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James M. Bell,	'58, July 21.	'93, Nov. 21.	N. Leominster.	P.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'93, Jan. 17.	S. Framingham.	W. C.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.	'87, Sept. 20.	Hyde Park.	W. C.
Wilson R. Buxton,	'94, May 2.	'94, Nov. 20.	So. Acton.	P.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.	Concord.	P.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 17.	Acton.	P. C.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.	Littleton.	P. C.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'94, May 22.	Littleton.	W. C.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.	'92, Mar. 15.	Groton.	W. C.
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.	'91, Sept. 15.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
Horace F. Hallett,	'91, July 7.	'96, Jan. 21.	Ayer.	P.
Charles S. Haynes,	'94, May 23.	'97, Sept. 21.	Lancaster.	P. C.
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'95, Mar. 19.	Fitchburg.	P.
Edwin R. Hodgman,	'49, May 17.	'51, May 6.	Townsend.	W. C.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65, May 10.	'79, Jan. 7.	Provincetown.	W. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.	Ayer.	P.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Richard H. Kennedy,	'92, Sept. 29.	'96, Nov. 17.	*San Mateo, Cal.*	P.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Frank E. Mills,	'78, Nov. 13.	'98, Mar. 15.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	W. Tisbury.	P.
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'92, Mar. 15.	Boxboro'.	P.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Townsend.	P.
Geo. R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'81, Jan. 11.	Leominster.	P.
Charles H. Talmage,	'82, Sept. 17.	'98, May 24,	Cambridge.	W. C.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.	Concord.	P.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	*Baltimore, Md.*	W. C.
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	P. C.
Charles C. Torrey,	'55, Sept. 7.	'86, Sept. 21.	Harvard.	P.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley.	P.
Louis B. Voorhees,	'71, Dec. 6.	'94, May 22.	Groton.	P. C.
David Wallace,	'94, Aug. 22.	'97, Sept. 21.	Lunenburg.	P.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'90, May 29.	'90, May 20.	Dunstable.	P.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, scribe and treasurer.

15. Norfolk Association, Organized May 11, 1811.

William H. Alexander,	'91, Oct. 29.	'96, April 21.	*England.*	W. C.
Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
Andrew W. Archibald,	'76, Aug. 24.	'97, June 15.	Brockton.	P. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'95, Dec. 17.	Campello.	P.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.	'91, Dec. 15.	Cohasset.	P. C
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.	'96, Dec. 15.	South Weymouth.	P.

15. Norfolk Association (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles F. Clarke,	'92, Dec. 7.	'97, Feb. 16.	West Newbury.	P.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'98, Feb. 15.	Sharon.	P. C.
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'91, Dec. 15.	East Weymouth,	P. C.
Wilson S. Fritch,	'93, April 22.	'96, June 16.	Abington.	P. C.
Augustus A. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.	'95, Feb. 19.	South Easton.	P.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Malden.	Ch. Miss.
Charles A. Hilton,	'73, June 9.	'94, Feb. 20.	Randolph.	P. C.
Alan Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.	Brockton.	P.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'92, Feb. 16.	Whitman.	P.
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.	Milton.	P.
Walter P. Hutchinson,	'93, April 19.	'94, April 17.	N. Abington.	P.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.	'92, Dec. 20.	Weymouth Heights.	P. C.
Joseph Kyte,	'62, Sept. 25.	'96, Feb. 18.	S. Braintree.	W. C.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 4.	'95, Feb. 19.	Holbrook.	P. C
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	W. C.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	P.
Karl F. Ohlson,	'88, Dec. 6.	'95, June 11.	*Brooklyn, N. Y.*	P.
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.	'86, April 20.	Matfield.	P.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec 19.	'89, Oct. 29.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
Caleb L. Rotch,	'79, Oct. 9.	'97, Oct. 26.	Stoughton.	P.
Henry S. Snyder,	'85, Oct. 28.	'98, Feb. 15.	Weymouth.	P.
Albert K Teele,	'45, July 15.	'52, April 27.	Milton.	P. Em.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.	'97,Dec. 28.	N. Weymouth.	P.
Franke A. Warfield,	'71, June 10.	'82, June 13.	*Omaha, Neb.*	P. C.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W. C.

Licentiates. — Edward O. Grover, Arlington, May 8, 1873; Morris H. Turk, Oct. 28, 1896.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February, and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Robert R. Kendall, Weymouth Heights, scribe and treasurer.

16. Old Colony, Organized August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett,	'83, May 23.	'96, Feb. 12.	Marion.	P. C.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'92, Feb. 10.	Holyoke.	C. M.
John Graham,	'90, Jan. 17.	'90, Feb. 12.	Westport.	P.
Henry M. Grant,	'63, Nov. 17.	'79, Oct. 22.	*Charleston, S. C.*	P.
Ivory H. B. Headley,	'77, Jan. 4.	'80, April 28.	Roslindale.	Evan.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.	'94, Nov. 14.	New Bedford.	W. C.
George W. C. Hill,	'95, Sept. 11.	'95, Nov. 13.	Acushnet.	P. C.
Robert Humphrey,	'83, July 17.	'97, Feb. 10.	Mattapoisett.	P.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11.	'78, July 30.	New Bedford.	P. C.
John A. MacColl,	'83, Jan. 31.	'90, Feb. 12.	New Bedford.	P. C

16. Old Colony (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George H. Perry,	'88, April 7.	'93, Nov. 15.	Lakeville.	P.
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.	Brockton.	P.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	P. C.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'94, Nov. 14.	Middleboro.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in February, May, and November.

Rev. Robert L. Rae, 12 Argyle avenue, Brockton, scribe.

17. Plymouth, Organized May 18, 1858.

Haig Adadourian,	'97, Nov. 3.	'97, Nov. 16.	Manomet.	P.
Ebenezer Alden,	'43, Nov. 3.	'58, May 18.	Marshfield.	P. Em.
Charles S. Bates,	'90, June 6.	'97, Nov. 16.	Hanson.	P.
John W. Brownville,	'73, Dec. 18.	'85, Nov. 17.	Erving.	P.
Seelye Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'97, Nov. 16.	Scituate.	P. C.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	'93, May 8.	*E. Hartford, Ct.*	W. C.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'86, Nov. 16.	Kingston.	P. C.
Ernest C. Davis,	'94, Dec. 5.	'95, Nov. 19.	Plympton.	P.
Oscar F. Davis,	'95, Jan. 16.	'95, Nov. 19.	*Neligh, Neb.*	W. C.
Vaola J. Hartshorne,	'65, Jan. 16.	'91, Nov. 17.	Halifax.	W. C.
Edward N. Kirby,	'85, Apr. 19.	'97, Nov. 16.	Hanover.	W. C.
Adoniram J. Leach,	'89, April 7.	'93, Nov. 21.	Marlboro.	W. C.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Marshfield.	P. C.
Solomon G. Merrick,	'86, Sept. 2.	'96, Nov. 17.	Duxbury.	P.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
George H. Morss,	'64, May 11.	'95, Feb. 19.	*Oakdale, Ct.*	P.
Ernest W. Shurtleff,	'89, Nov. 16.	'92, Aug. 16.	Plymouth.	P. C.
George Sterling,	'74, Dec. 8.	'95, Feb. 19.	Windsor.	P.
John Wild,	'92, April 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Hanover.	P.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. Zenas Crowell, Kingston, scribe.

18. Suffolk North, Organized July 2, 1822.

Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Newton Centre.	Editor.
Smith Baker,	'60, July 30.	'94, April 4.	E. Boston.	P. C.
David N. Beach,	'76, June 15.	'85, Feb. 17.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	P. C.
Renben A. Beard,	'79, Sept. 10.	'98, Jan. 25.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	W. C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Boston.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.	Dorchester.	P.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, April 22.	'95, Feb. 6.	Cambridge.	P.
Samuel M. Cathcart,	'96, Dec. 1.	'97, May 25.	Chelsea.	P. C.

18. Suffolk North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles F. Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	Braintree.	P.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.	'93, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Detling,	'97, Mar. 3.		Centreville.	P.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.	'87, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.	'94, Feb. 7.	Revere.	P. C.
Robert E. Ely,	'90, Dec. 11.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.	'95, June 10.	Winchester.	Sect.
Stephen H. Hayes,	'54, Aug. 20.	'71, Feb. 21.	Boston.	W. C.
Sam'l E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.	*Boulder, Col.*	W. C.
Elijah Horr,	'67, Apr. 21.	'97, Nov. 30.	Brookline.	W. C.
Ross C. Houghton,	'69, April 18.	'95, June 10.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Charles E. Jefferson,	'87, Sept. 29.	'87, Dec. 13.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,	'79, Nov. 13.	'83, Sept. 18.	Boston.	Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	'73, June 19.	'95, Feb. 6.	Somerville.	P. C.
Duncan McDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Edgartown.	P.
Richard H. McGown,	'82, Mar. 7.	'97, Mar. 30.	Everett.	P.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Peter McQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Somerville.	P. C.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.	Boston.	P.
Charles L. Noyes,	'80, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	'90, Mar. 26.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Dec. 16.	'87, Feb. 8.	North Cambridge.	A. P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Boston.	W. C.
Charles H. Pope,	'65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.	Charlestown.	P.
Edward G. Porter,	'68, Oct. 1.	'69, Dec. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Frank E. Ramsdell,	'91, June 30.	'97, May 25.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Edward K. Rawson,	'72, Oct. 9.	'83, April 10.	*Annapolis, Md.*	Chaplain.
James H. Ross,	'78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Isaiah W. Sneath,	'84, Feb. 27.	'89, Mar. 26.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.	'86, Feb. 12.	Somerville.	P. C.
Calvin Terry,	'46, Dec. 20.	'61, June 18.	North Weymouth.	W. C.
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept.	'79, Dec. 16.	*Cleveland, O.*	Pres.
Arthur Truslow,	'96, Sept. 30.	'98, Jan. 25.	Winthrop.	P. C.
Robert W. Wallace,	'72, Jan. 26.	'97, Nov. 30.	Somerville.	P. C.
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.	'78, Oct. 13.	*Constantinople.*	Pres. Coll.
Albert Watson,	'71, June 27.	'94, Feb. 7.	Everett.	P.
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.	Somerville.	Editor.
James C. Young,	'91, Aug. 25.	'97, Nov. 30.	E. Boston.	

Licentiates. — A. H. Coar; H. Oliver Hannum, 1896; F. J. Noyes, 1897; Charles R. Blood, 1898.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. Frank E. Ramsdell, Cambridge, scribe.

19. Suffolk South, Organized January 27, 1829.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.	Dorchester.	P.
Charles H. Beale,	'80, April 5.	'95, Jan. 16.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.	'92, May 11.	Islington.	S.
William H. Bolster,	'72, June 13.	'93, Nov. 10.	Dorchester.	P.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Centre.	Sec.
Donald Brown,	'90, Sept. 9.	'96, Mar. 18.	Malden.	W. C.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale.	Y. P. S. C. E.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	Dorchester.	P.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston.	Editor.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston.	P. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Boston.	Editor.
Solomon P. Fay,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester.	W. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Boston.	Assist. P.
Addison P. Foster	'66, Oct. 3.	'86, May 4.	Auburndale.	Sect. A. S. S. U.
William Gallagher	'74, Dec. 1.	'98, Jan. 12.	S. Braintree.	Prin.
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Roslindale.	P.
Benj. F. Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury.	W. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Newton.	Sec. A. E. S.
Hiram Houston,	'50, Sept. 25.	'90, Mar. 12.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Henry N. Hoyt,	'76, May .	'98, .	Hyde Park.	P. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Clarendon Hills	P.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'92, Sept. 14.	Newton Centre.	Editor.
Frederick T. Knight,	'97, Oct. 5.	'97, Nov. 10.	Wollaston.	P.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester.	P. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Hyde Park.	W. C.
Samuel L. Loomis,	'80, Oct. 14.	'97, Sept. 29.	Boston.	P. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Ellis Mendell,	'79, June 4.	'80, May 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	W. Roxbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Charles A. Perry,	'82, Nov. 16.	'96, Jan. 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.	'85, May 13.	Dedham.	P. C.
Charles B. Smith,	'48, Nov. 12.	'79, July 9.	West Medford.	P.
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	Auburndale.	A. B. C. F. M.
P. Thomas Stanford,	'78, Sept. 26.	'95, Nov. 13.	N. Cambridge.	P.
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.	Boston.	P.
Herbert W. Stebbins,	'83, Aug. 28.	'97, Sept. 29.	Boston.	W. C.
A. C. Thompson,	'42, July 27.	'42, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.	'94, Sept. 19.	Neponset.	P. C.
Charles F. Weeden,	'88, April 4.	'96, Jan. 15.	Norwood.	P. C.
John H. Whittaker.	'93.	'98, May 11.	Atlantic.	P.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.	Boston.	M.

Licentiates. — Albert H. Plumb, jr., William C. Fessenden, Arthur P. Pratt.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. George H. Flint, Boston, scribe and treasurer.

20. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James L. Barton,	'85, June 29.	'97, Feb. 8.	Newton Cen.	A.B.C.F.M.
William E. Barton,	'85, June 6.	'93, June 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Adolph A. Berle,	'87, Sept. 14.	'91, Dec. 14.	Brighton.	P. C.
Douglas P. Birnie,	'85, Aug. 12.	'91, Feb. 9.	*Honolulu.*	P. C.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline.	W. C.
Ezra H. Byington,	'59, Feb. 23.	'91, Feb. 9.	Newton.	W. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	62', Oct. 22.	'80, Feb. 8.	*Kansas City, Mo.*	P.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	Boston.	Assist. P.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston.	P. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Cen.	Cong. Lib.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4.	Auburndale.	P. C. Em.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton. Sec.	A.B.C.F.M.
William H. Davis,	'77, July 5.	'96, Oct. 12.	Newton.	P. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8	'87, Oct. 11.	Auburndale, Sec.	N.D.R.L.
John M. Dutton,	'76, June 11.	'92, April 25.	Newtonville.	P. C.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills.	P. C.
Frank L. Ferguson,	'85, July 21.	'97, Oct. 11.	Claremont, Cal.	Pres.Coll.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton.	W. C.
Daniel L. Furber,	'67, Dec. 1.	'57, Jan. 16.	Newton Centre.	P. Em.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 6.	Waverly.	P.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	Boston.	P. C.
Daniel Green,	'79, Dec. 18.	'94, Feb. 12.	Newton.	P.
William E. Griffis,	'77, May 31.	'86, Dec. 14.	*Ithaca, N. Y.*	P. C.
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston.	P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'97, April 12.	Brookline.	P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham.	P. C.
Charles E. Havens,	'81, Sept. 15.	'94, April 9.	Newton Highlands.	P. C.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Newton. Sec.	C. C. B. S.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Dover.	P. C.
John L. Maile,	'72, July 14.	'92, Feb. 8.	*Fargo, N. D.*	Sect.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Centre.	P. C.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville.	P. C. Em.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands.	W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown.	P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	94, Dec. 10.	W. Newton.	P. C.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	*Peekskill, N. Y.*	W. C.
Oliver D. Sewall,	'92, Sept. 27.	'97, Oct. 11.	Brookline.	Assist. P.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton.	W. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	W. C.
Avery S. Walker,	'57, June 15.	'95, Dec. 9.	Needham.	P. C.
Edwin B. Webb,	'50, Sept. 11.	'67, Jan. 8.	Wellesley.	P. Em.

Licentiates. — Arthur W. Kelley, Auburndale, renewed Feb. 12, 1894; Edward P. Kelley, Auburndale, April 15, 1895.

Stated Meetings. — Second Mondays of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. George G. Phipps, Newton Highlands, scribe.

21. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Wm. W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
Franklin K. Beem,	'95, July 18.	'95, Nov. 13.	Berkley.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'95, Jan. 16.	Ward Hill.	P.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton.	Pres. Sem.
S. Hopkins Emery,	'37, Nov. 23.	'75, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	W. C.
Vernon C. Harrington,	'94, Oct. 23.	'97, Mar. 10.	*Cleveland, O.*	P. C.
Elwin L. House,	'88, April 22.	'94, May 8.	Attleboro.	P. C.
Herbert K. Job,	'91, Oct. 28.	'92, Jan. 13.	N. Middleboro.	P. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'91, Mar. 10.	*Goshen.*	W. C.
Josiah W. Kingsbury,	'66, June 28.	'89, May 8.	Braintree.	W. C.
Halah H. Loud,	'97, Dec. 16.	'98, Jan. 12.	E. Taunton.	P.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May 8.	Fall River.	P. C.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 19.	'97, Jan. 13.	Fall River.	P. C.
Thomas F. Norris,	'79, April 13.	'97, Mar. 10.	Somerset.	P.
Frank Park,	'95, July 16.	'95, Nov. 13.		
Sidney K. B. Perkins,	'60, Jan. 11.	'88, Jan. 11.	Raynham.	P.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'82, May 10.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April.	'97, Mar. 10.	N. Attleboro.	P.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'92, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	P.
Martin L. Williston,	'70, Mar. 3.	'97, Nov. 10.	N. Attleboro.	P.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, and November.

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

22. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	74, Sept. 15.	*Constantinople.*	Robt. C.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford.	W. C.
John Barstow,	'87, June. 29.	'95, Feb. 19.	Medford.	P. C.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'75, Nov. 16.	Concord Junc.	Chaplain.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.	'93, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Charles R. Bliss,	'59, April 28.	'62, Nov. 18.	*Chicago, Ill.*	W. C.
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13.	'97, Feb. 17.	Lexington.	P. C.
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'96, Mar. 17.	W. Medford.	P. C.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.	'89, Jan. 29.	Winchester.	H. M Sec.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	Brookline.	W. C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.	'95, Feb. 19.	Wakefield	P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Maplewood.	P.
Cyrus Hamlin,	'38, Oct 3.	'91, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	W. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 17.	'86, Mar. 16.	Wilmington.	P. C.
Henry A. Hazen,	'58, Feb. 17.	'74, Sept. 15.	Auburndale.	Sec. N. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.	'87, June 13.	Salem.	W. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	'95, Jan. 29.	Melrose Highlands.	P. C.
George E. Lovejoy,	'73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	*Pittsfield, N. H.*	P. C.

22. Woburn (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn.	P. C. Em.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester.	P. C.
Isaac Pierson,	'70, Mar. 30.	'96, Oct. 8.	S. Medford.	P.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Woburn.	P. C.
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'88, May 1.	Bedford.	P.
Peter Vincentius,	'88, Aug. 19.	'89, Jan. 29.	East Boston.	P.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18	'74, Mar. 17.,	Malden.	W. C.
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Malden.	W. C.

Licentiate. — Henry F. Burdon.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, September, and November.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

23. Worcester Central, Organized November 4, 1823.

August L. Anderson,	'86, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	Worcester.	P.
Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	P. C.
Orange C. Bailey,	'85, Oct. 13.	'94, Nov. 13.	Worcester.	P. C.
Albert E. Bradstreet,	'88, Aug. 30.	'95, Nov. 12.	Oxford.	P.
Sherman W. Brown,	'93, June 6.	'96, Nov. 10.	Spencer.	P. C.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Daniel E. Burtner,	'90, Sept. 25.	'94, Nov. 13.	Boylston.	P.
Edward M. Chapman,	'90, Sept. 9.	'93, Nov. 14.	Worcester.	P. C.
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'35, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	P. C.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	'93, Nov. 14.	Rutland.	P.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Lawrence.	W. C.
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	*Middlebury, Vt.*	W. C.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Burlington.	P.
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	Worcester.	P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Somerville.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Nantucket.	P.
George H. Gould,	'62, Nov. 12.	'76, Feb 1.	Worcester.	W. C.
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'96, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P.
John E. Hurlbut,	'75, Mar. 24.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'97, April 6.	Shrewsbury.	P.
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.	Somerville.	W. C.
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May 2.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	P. C.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept.	'95, Nov. 12.	Berlin.	P.
John H. Matthews.	'91, May 5.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P.
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C.
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94, April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.

23. Worcester Central (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	P.
Ariel E. P. Perkins,	'44, Sept. 18.	'88, April 3.	Worcester.	W. C.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb 3.	Auburn.	P. C.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Sterling.	P.
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Leicester.	P. C.
Casper F. Scherff,	'76, April 9.	'90.	Clinton.	P.
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
Burritt A. Smith,	'65, Mar. 15.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	Teacher.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.
Edwin S. Tingley,	'71, Feb. 1.	'85, May 5.	Milford.	W. C.
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P. C
J. Charles Villiers,	'86, May 31.	'95, Nov. 12.	*Old Lyme, Ct.*	P.
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.	Princeton.	P.
Inman L. Willcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and April, and second Tuesday in November.

Rev. E. W. Phillips, Worcester, scribe.

24. Worcester North, Organized June 18, 1818.

Rolla G. Bugbee.	'76, Nov. 8.	'98, Jan. 25.	Athol.	P.
George E. Chapin,	'79, Aug. 20.	'94.		P.
Joseph S. Cogswell,	'68, Nov. 14.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9.	Royalston.	P.
Davis Foster,	'55, Nov. 1.	'69, Nov. 27.	Winchendon.	P. C.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	W. C.
Burton S. Gilman.	'97, May 16.	'97, April 26.	Gardner.	P. C.
Edwin S. Gould,	Oct. 1. '73,	'94, Jan. 23.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
John W. Hird,	'79, Mar. 19.	'91, April 28.	Baldwinville.	P.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Boston.	W. C.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	New Salem.	P.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, April 5.	'93, April 25.	Templeton.	P. C.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W. C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	P.
William M. Parks,	'97, Nov. 30.	'98, Jan. 25.		
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Phillipston.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Fourth Tuesdays in January, April, and October, and second Tuesday in July.

Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

25. Worcester South, Organized in 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'96, Dec. 10.	Blackstone.	P.
Frederic A. Balcom,	'82, Jan. 9.	'95, Sept. 17.	*Saylesville, R. I.*	P.
William A. Benedict,	'49, June 27.	'76, Oct. 10.	Newton Centre.	W. C.
Henry A. Blake,	'76, Sept. 13.	'89, Oct. 8.	Webster.	P.
William T. Briggs,	'46, Nov. 4.	'66, July 10.	East Douglas.	P. Em.
Frank L. Bristol,	'75, Oct. 25.	'88, Oct. 9.	Uxbridge.	P.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge.	P.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.	Millville.	P. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	Millbury.	P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.	'92, Jan. 12.	Sutton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.	'94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville.	P.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'92, Jan. 12.	Carlisle.	P.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29.	'93, April 11.	Douglas.	P.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Benjamin A. Robie,	'66, Mar. 22.	'84, Oct. 14.	Grafton.	P.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Upton.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge, scribe.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.[1]

REV. HENRY A. HAZEN.

The General Association comes to the beautiful valley of the Connecticut, and to this fine town of Greenfield, for its ninety-sixth Annual Meeting. We represent six hundred churches. We should have reported this number in the Year-Book, but for the omission of two names of churches, which have ceased; but it is safe to assume that as many have been organized since the year came in.

One of these churches is associated with Rhode Island; the others are united in twenty-five Conferences, of which Hampden is the largest, with its forty-six churches, and Mendon the smallest, with its thirteen churches. When Mendon has been mentioned, as it has been for several years, with the credit of making the first and very prompt report, brethren from other Conferences have been heard to suggest, that, if they had no larger number of churches, they could do as well. But it is only fair to remind them, that the promptness of Mendon is due to other causes, as well as its number of churches. The pastors and members of the Mendon churches have organized the matter of reporting effectively. They take interest in securing prompt reports, and make it their own business to see that there is no unnecessary delay. When other Conferences will take like interest, and bring like energy to bear, the results will surprise them.

It is time for Massachusetts to take a forward step in this matter. New Hampshire calls for every report in January, and, unless the circumstances are exceptional, admits no reports received later. The result is that New Hampshire's two hundred churches were reported to the Year-Book in excellent shape, on Feb. 5th, a date at which only nine of our Conferences had been heard from.

Is there any good reason why the rule of our conferences should not be as advanced as that of the State of New Hampshire, — all church reports to be made in January, and all Conference reports to be ready for the State Secretary as soon as the compilation can be made up after? Massachusetts has always been a pioneer in her statistics and the matter of their improvement. I believe she is ready to hold that place by farther improvements, and I suggest the completion of her tables for the Year-Book by Feb. 15th, or before, as the next step due. The last form of the Year-Book will be printed this week, a small gain over other years. It might have been ready May 1st, if a half dozen tardy States had reported by March 20th.

To our roll of churches we add seven this year, but with two omitted the gain is only five. We add 7,092 to our membership, of whom 3,912 joined on confession of faith; and 5,038 are removed, 1,828 by death.

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But our gain of members, which should be. according to these figures, 2,026, is reduced by discrepancies in reports to 1,738.

In the Sunday Schools we have gained more, 2,690; and we may take what added satisfaction we can in this gain, in view of the fact that in the whole country there is reported not a gain but a loss of 1,871. In this connection I ought to advise you, as I do with regret, that an error of 5,000 found its way into the Massachusetts summary, and has failed of correction in the Year-Book summary for the State. It is duly corrected in the general summary tables of the Year-Book.

Our benevolent contributions reach a total of $609,473, $49,078 less than last year. Our home expenditures have increased almost as much. Add the two together, and the total of $2,238,872 shows a falling off of $7,122. We have not yet reached the gain, so much needed and prayed for, in the current of our benevolent offerings, which should lift the cloud from the treasurers of our benevolent societies, and give them the glad command to go forward in enlargement of their work at home and abroad.

In this connection we cannot forget that we meet today under the cloud of war. We have prayed long that it might be averted, but the God, whose wonder working providence makes no mistakes, has willed otherwise. We believe that our cause is just, the cause of humanity; and we can appeal confidently to God, for his favor, a favor which we reverently think that he has already and wonderfully shown us. We trust that peace may soon come, but whatever confidence we feel of this issue, we must not disguise the gravity of the situation, and the great responsibility which it brings to our churches, if our various benevolent activities are not to suffer contraction and grievous loss. God is putting our consecration to his service to the test. Let us labor and pray that we may be found faithful, and come forth as gold tried by fire.

And in such an hour we need, if possible, more than ever, a gracious baptism of the Holy Spirit to save us from the always demoralizing influences of war, added to worldliness, and to prepare us for the enlarged opportunities of service which the war and its issues must bring. If our session in Greenfield can be used to these ends it will be a blessing to us and to the churches.

I may remind you, that the tenth session of the National Council is near It will be held in Portland, Or., beginning July 7. It will be our duty and privilege to name twelve delegates, from Massachusetts, to the Council; and it is important that such delegates be named, as can and will discharge this service. It is believed that we shall have a full attendance, and an important session of the Council, at this first meeting, on the Pacific.

The plans for the Second International Council, to be held in Boston in 1899, are making good progress, and we have every reason to look for a great and inspiring assembly. The Congregational Club, of Boston, asks the privilege of representing our churches in the matter of the hospitality due to the coming Council; and I have a communication from their committee, to present to you.

TREASURER'S REPORT.[1]

WILLIAM A. PAINE, *Treasurer, in account with the* GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 10, 1898.

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1897.		
May 10.	To balance from last report	$4,063 05
	" assessment on 110,644 members at three and one half cents	3,872 53
	" Essex South Conference arrears for 1896	19 16
	" Pilgrim " " " 1896	40 00
	" Norfolk " " " 1896	38 82
		$8,033 56

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1897.		
By	Samuel B. Forbes, treasurer National Congregational Council, year 1897	$2,203 58
"	" " " " " " 1898	2,224 46
"	Alfred Mudge & Son, printing Minutes	636 31
"	" " " miscellaneous printing	166 19
"	Committee on Gambling, expense	5 50
"	" " Labor, "	52 42
"	Rev. H. A. Hazen, salary	500 00
"	" " " stationery, postage, etc.	88 90
"	James W. Flagg, expense, attendance at meeting	5 54
"	amount due from Barnstable Conference, 1897 account	10 05
"	" " " Middlesex Union Conference, 1897 account	127 51
"	" " " Norfolk Conference, 1897 account	26 46
"	" " " Old Colony Conference, 1897 account, No. Ch., New Bedford,	18 10
"	" " " Pilgrim Conference, 1897 account	40 57
"	profit and loss, Berkshire North Conference, Lanesboro Church	28
"	" " " " South " Alford Church	64
"	" " " Brookfield Association, Ware, French Church	94
"	" " " Mendon, South Franklin	56
"	" " " Suffolk South Conference, over assessment	28
"	" " " Taunton, F. R. French Church	2 03
"	" " " Worcester Central, over-charge	1 75
"	" " " " South, "	27
"	cash on hand, May 10, 1898	1,921 22
		$8,033 56

There is also due the General Association from the Barnstable Conference, for the year 1896, $10.39.

WM. A. PAINE, *Treas.*

This certifies that we have audited the accounts of Wm. A. Paine, Treasurer of the General Association of Massachusetts, for the year ending May 10, 1898, and find them accurately cast and properly vouched. The balance in the treasury, per statement of the Beacon Trust Company, is $1,921.22.

H. N. ACKERMAN.
THOMAS TODD.
HOWARD A. BRIDGMAN.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.[1]

Rev. T. Clayton Welles.

The Redemptive Work of the Church outside the Individual Parish.

Your committee on the work of the churches have planned this year in direct connection with the provisional committee to bring before this meeting as clear and vivid a view as possible of the great redemptive ministry, appointed of Christ for all his disciples.

That work for us may be thought of as in two main divisions, viz., that which we ought to do ourselves, and that which we ought to get done.

The responsibility for either division is equally direct and inevitable, and it rests upon every church and every disciple truly loyal to Jesus Christ. Because a servant of the world's Redeemer may be so situated that he cannot regard it as his personal duty to go himself into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, that special commission and command is by no means deprived of pertinence to him. He may be able to say in full persuasion, "My Lord has appointed other duties for me; he does not ask of me to go from home." But that persuasion should not release him from the obligation to send, or help to send, some one else to do the thing the Lord would like to have done. Jesus looked upon the *world* as his field, and to the collective company of his followers he gave the most imperative instruction to go forth and cultivate that world-field for spiritual results. He excepted no part of the field, and he excused no individual friend from participation in that effort. The Redemptive Work of the Church outside the individual parish is as truly a part of the proper concern of each church and each member as the ministry within the limits of the immediate locality. The *work is all one* as well as the field, and all the divisions of it are to be prosecuted from the same motives of love and loyalty to the one Lord. Every part of it is dear to the heart of him who loved the whole world, and sent his Son, that whosoever believeth should not perish, but have everlasting life.

It is as honorable, and as true to Christian principles, for a member to shirk paying his part of the running expenses of his own church, as it is for him to refuse to meet his share of the broader ministry in our city, home, and foreign missions. Whatever may be our fair share in the salvation of Salt Lake City or Ahmednagar (India) rests with the same quality of obligation upon us as our share of the prosperity of the home parish in any city or town in the State of Massachusetts. I do not say that the obligation is of the same magnitude, but it certainly is of the

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same quality. If, in the mind of the Master, a Massachusetts servant ought to give one hundred dollars for the vigorous support of his own local church, and one hundred dollars to carry on all the various forms and branches of Christian work outside the individual parish, the second hundred dollars is to be considered as on precisely the same plane of obligation as the first, and paid with the same fidelity and fulness.

The loyal citizen of the United States is not only interested to have the stars and stripes wave in honor and glory over his own door, but he is vitally concerned also to have that flag carried aloft, and defended with valor and greeted with respect around the globe.

It is not only the business of the Christian soldier to maintain the interests of Jesus Christ in his own parish, but also to support and magnify and defend those interests under the banner of the cross unto the ends of the earth.

And so your committee have turned this year to view, we trust it may be from even a higher standpoint of privilege and consecration, the wider responsibilities and efficiencies which, because they are more remote in their application, have possibly seemed not so near to our hearts' devotion, our earnest prayers, our sympathetic consideration, and our self-sacrificing support as they should.

The first inquiry upon the circular sent to each one of our almost six hundred churches in the Commonwealth was as to

THE WORKERS SENT OUT AND THE FUNDS CONTRIBUTED

for this larger field during the past year.

Perhaps it is fair to consider it as one significant feature of the condition which confronts us, that although the committee took the additional trouble to make their circular an issue by itself, unconnected with the annual statistical reports, and sent an urgent and fraternal letter requesting sympathetic co-operation from pastors and clerks, and gave ample time for returns, yet three hundred and eighty-eight out of five hundred and ninety-three churches — almost two thirds of the entire number — were so intent, it is to be hoped, upon the work of redemption inside their own parishes, that neither pastor nor clerk made the slightest response to the overtures of the committee. If the inquiries had concerned an increase in the pastor's salary, instead of a better support for our workers on missionary ground, do you suppose responses would have been any more general? A few who did respond sent their apologies instead of their reports, and so we have statistics on approximately two hundred churches, interested in the general work and in the special theme enough to send in their figures and experiences.

From these two hundred churches twenty-six members have been sent out or sustained in purely missionary fields, three ministers have been ordained, and many laborers have been furnished for adjacent places to scatter the good seed and gather fruit unto eternal life.

These churches have contributed $231,116 to sustain and advance the cause of Christ beyond their own borders, an average of over $1,100 per

church, $4.30 per member. If the large gifts of a few in some of the churches were counted out the average would be reduced to $3 per member. The Elliott Church, Newton, has given the largest amount, $23,627, an average of $40 for every member of the church. The church at Whitinsville has reached the greatest average, $69 per member, and $16,573 in the aggregate; and this is not the unusual record of a single year, for last year they gave $80 per member, and for the last ten years they have averaged over $60 apiece. Four more churches have attained an average of over $15. The First, in Fall River, gave $30 per member, $6,564 in all. The Fourth, in Haverhill, $27 per member, $550 in all. The First Church, Newton Centre, gave $21 per member, $8,148 in all, and the Second Church, Dorchester, $16 per member, and $10,473 for the entire church. Sixteen churches reach an average of over $10 per member, but a still greater number fall below $1 per member.

Recognizing the fact that people must know about the work in order to give intelligently and largely the second question was,—

"What has been done to Inform and Interest the People in the Several Branches of the Missionary Work?"

The responses show that the general rule is, to have the special cause, for which a collection is taken, presented at the morning service, before the offering, by the pastor, or some representative of the society whose work is to be aided. This does not always take the whole time of the sermon. In many cases only a brief statement is made; but in one hundred and sixty-four this much is done, and in many of them this seems to be all that is done to "inform and interest the people in the several branches of our missionary work" from January to December. Thirty-nine of these churches often give a Sunday evening, several of them as often as once a month, which is their way of observing the Monthly Concert, to a missionary topic, and in not a few of these cases this meeting is under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Seventy-six of the two hundred reporting churches have given an occasional mid-week prayer-meeting to the consideration of our missionary work. In all sixty-four, either in the midst of the week or on Sunday evening regularly observe the Monthly Missionary Concert.

More than half of these churches bring the missionary causes into the Sunday school, reading letters from the fields, listening to missionaries and agents, and making contributions.

One hopeful aspect of the situation is that one hundred and forty-four of these two hundred churches have Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, and the missionary work is a prominent and constituent part of that organization, and very practical methods of coming into living touch with the wide field, both in information and contribution, are in constant operation. One hundred and twenty-seven of these churches have their women organized, auxiliary to the Women's Board, and not a few have Children's Bands of various names, and occasionally even a Cradle Roll is reported. It appears, however, that in many of the churches

the women and the children are organized and instructed only in the Foreign Missionary department of the work. We do not think that the various forms of Christian effort *in the homeland* should be lost sight of by any part of the constituency.

In the matter of scattering information and awakening interest by distributing literature, a good beginning has been made.

Seventy-seven churches have made a distinct effort to get "Congregational Work" into their families, and a few report that it is sent at the general expense into every home. A score of churches have put the leaflets of the societies within reach of the people, and seventeen have given some attention to the circulation of the missionary magazines.

Improvements in the Methods of Informing and Interesting People in the various branches of our common work are numerously suggested. As you will see, some *valuable hints* are offered, for I shall let twenty reporters in the most condensed form speak for themselves.

"Enlargement, illustration, and wide improvement of attractiveness in Congregational work." "More interesting, timely, and inexpensive leaflets by the various boards for free distribution." "Our church has a Missionary Library of more than sixty volumes, and the books are read."

One says, out of the depths of his own experience, "I believe most heartily in the Monthly Concert." "Make members of the church honorary and life members of the various societies so that they will receive their publications." "We find it easier to keep up an interest because an honored son and member of our church in India is heard from occasionally. Let each church have a foreign representative." "Engage some wide-awake man whose duty shall be to visit every church once a year in the interest of missions." "More personal contact of the living missionary with the people. Not much, if any, begging by the pastors." "The living voice is better than the cold type. Let the secretaries get out more among the churches, and not hammer away at the ministers so much with appeals and circulars." "A deeper interest and a higher aspiration on the pastor's part. The congregation will ultimately reflect his light." "Make the entire missionary work more of the business of the church, recognized, systematized, and placed on an established basis." "Stereopticon exhibition of views. Round the world with the missionary." "Assign missionary topics and essays to people not interested and give them material to study. Every such essay means one more missionary enthusiast." "We are trying to secure improvement along two lines, — more general knowledge of the individual work of each society, and something from every member, to every collection." "Make sections for special study, as the Asia section, the A. M. A. section, and have reports from these once a month." "Not so much separate women's work. Not that the women should do less, but that the men and boys should be worked in more." "Organize stewardship leagues and tenth legions." "The missionary tea is a great inducement to people to come out, also to give." "Children's mission circles are the most promising. Train the little ones."

There are many others, but these seem to be the most practical and pertinent and there are some of them mentioned repeatedly. Some have no improvements to suggest, but would have such zeal and fidelity put into the methods commonly in use that they will surely bring forth fruit, and others urge variety because any methods will in time grow old. With many churches there is doubtless great room for improvement in the methods, but no method should be expected to walk alone, much less to carry a whole church upon its back.

The question with regard to the MISSIONARY OFFERINGS FOR THE DECADE was answered by so few, and in such merely approximate terms, that it was found to be impossible to base any legitimate conclusions upon them. On this point, however, I have done a little independent figuring from data at hand. I find that the benevolent contributions reported for the entire State of Massachusetts for the last ten years amount to $6,875,036, or more than $687,500 per year, and an average of $6.44 per member each year, or fifty-three cents a member per month, or less than two cents a day on the average for all the Congregational Christians of this Commonwealth, to furnish to the needy in the remainder of our own country, and in all the world the knowledge and the institutions of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

On the average more money is spent for candy and ice cream by the members of our churches than for the combined cause of all Christian missions. I find also that about twenty-five per cent of all our benevolent contributions can *not* be classified as given to our own missionary causes, of which our six denominational societies are the almoners, but is ranged under the head of "other," which must be recognized as an extremely indefinite term and not serving to cheer or sustain so much as *one* of *our* workers upon the wide field.

I find further that the benevolent contributions of the year 1887 are almost $50,000 more than for the year 1897. While the demands and the opportunities have greatly increased, and the church membership very considerably, the contributions have been comparatively going the other way. From all this it is very evident that the Congregational ministers and churches of this State need to realize more vividly that they have a wider work as well as the more immediate, and that there is a deep urgency upon them to rally to the support of their own enterprises carried on by their own agents only a little beyond the limits of their own parish.

THE METHODS OF SECURING THESE FUNDS show considerable variety. Most usual has been a regular offering in the church, announced before, or regularly appointed, on a Sunday morning, after a more or less extended presentation of the work toward which the contribution was to be applied. The weekly envelope system, often including the pledge cards, has been used most satisfactorily in many cases.

The personal and house-to-house canvas has been tried in many churches with excellent results. Some churches have found that a special offering, with an attractive speaker for the occasion to work up an enthusiasm, has brought in large responses. In a few, envelopes, sometimes accompanied

with leaflets setting forth the cause and its needs, have been sent out and have given a good account of themselves afterwards.

A very few use the Harris system, but they praise it highly. In some, "Extra cent a day" or "Two cents a week" bands, and "Stewardship Leagues," have been organized helpfully. In one case a lady of abundant means came to the pastor with a beaming face and announced that she had determined to join the ranks of the systematic givers in the church, and would henceforth give *one cent every day* to the great missionary work.

In a very few cases, missionary money has been raised by fairs and festivals, this especially by the ladies, the young people, and the children in their organizations, which are frequently mentioned as contributing a large portion of all the funds secured.

Nearly all of these are commended in the IMPROVEMENTS SUGGESTED IN METHODS FOR RAISING MONEY FOR MISSIONS.

The pledged, systematic, and regular offering from every member of the entire parish is the favorite method urged. The personal house-to-house canvas and district visitation in the interests of the more important causes finds many strong advocates. A collection every Sunday, to be divided *pro rata* among the different objects (practically the Harris system), is strongly advocated. "Enroll all the church in the 'Tenth Legion,'" expresses the idea of quite a number. "Issue circular letters, and tell the people the needs, and let them know just how far the money goes, and how each field is being supplied and worked," expresses the thought of others. "Apportion all missionary needs to the different States, then to the conferences, then to the local churches, and then expect every church to do its duty," is a repeated suggestion. Another says, "No one plan works well all the time," and he might have added, in every place.

The committee suggest that if results are not satisfactory any reasonable change may be tried for an improvement, in hopes of greater interest and contributions. And yet the main reliance of the committee is in the thought of the concluding question, HOW CAN WE RAISE THE ENTIRE MISSIONARY WORK TO THE PLANE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION AND ON TO THE LEVEL OF PRIVILEGE? As the committee hoped, the best thought of the reporters was centred upon this problem, and while some said, "I cannot tell," "I look to you to answer that question," many wise and helpful hints have been presented. I wish there were time to quote a hundred of these replies from men who are in daily and practical touch with the peculiarities of the situation. I must content myself with giving you a few, and condensing and classifying many.

It is conceded on all sides that something ought to be done to magnify our missionary work. In no report is there any satisfaction indicated with the present status of missionary interest or offerings. No one denies the obligation, no one belittles the privilege, of helping these larger activities to a more vigorous and fruitful development. How to do this is the chief question of our study and experiment. One pastor, who answers no

other inquiry on the list and gives no figures of actual offerings for missions from his church, proposes this ready and reliable specific for the low beating of the missionary pulse. He will raise the temperature "by placing a more definite, a more extensive, a more practical, a more enthusiastic *creed* at the head of Congregationalism. Get the doctrine of evolution into dogmatic creedal shape, not failing to connect it with missions." He does not suggest just how the connection should be made. The very next report on the list singularly declares, "Modern views have paralyzed, if not cut, the nerve of missions." There is an unmistakable call on the part of several intelligent and earnest pastors for a better systematizing of our missionary agencies as well as more systematic giving by the churches. Five separate and independent boards to supervise the work on the home field is held to be excessive, expensive, and unwise. There is a strong wish expressed that some of the annual meetings might also be consolidated. One puts it in this way: "Reform the administration, combine the societies, reduce the number of high salaried officers. The present lack comes from multiplying causes." But another urges "less criticism of the boards and societies on the part of pastors and especially the religious press." One wise pastor states four points so briefly and strongly that I will quote him entire. "(1) More prayer in public and in private. (2) More frequent and wiser preaching upon missionary themes. (3) Continued improvement of the quality of our missionary literature, and increased effort to have it read. (4) Study our Lord's way of looking at the world's need." And now more briefly: first, as to the man who by his position must be usually the link to connect the worker beyond with the workers and givers at home: "The hiding of the power is with the pastor." "If he will lead the way judiciously the result will be measurably reached." "By consecrated activity on the part of all the ministers." "Pastors should set the example in giving." "Nine tenths of it rests upon the pastor. The theological seminaries must give a prominent place to missions in their curriculum, and equip men for the great business of the church." "This missionary work ought to begin in the seminaries, ought to be taught and recited like Hebrew."

Then as looking toward the church: "By praying for it publicly, by talking for it in the pastoral work and setting a good example." "Talk, report, pray. Set a mark for each collection, watch machinery, bear on, and cultivate generosity and method." "Persuade them that they are not doing the best they can already." "Awaken a definite purpose in them to make money to supply the Lord's treasury." "Faithfully teach the Bible on the missionary aspect of Christianity." "Present the blessings of giving to God's work." "Get the people to pray believingly and sincerely, 'Thy Kingdom Come.'" "Our missionary work is more than almsgiving, more than a business enterprise, it is to seek and save the lost." "Get each member to feel as John Wesley did, 'The World is my parish.'" "Increase the number of contributing churches." "A larger denominational loyalty." "Openly glory in the work. Parsimony and joyful liberality are both contagious." "Intelligence as to

missions is the most effective promoter of enthusiasm and generosity." "Teach the needs and arouse sympathy." "Deepen the sense of personal responsibility for others." "Insist upon the authority of the Lord's last commission." "Emphasize proportionate giving as a duty and a privilege." "Encourage the tithe." This from a number. "Insist upon the duty and privilege of Christian Stewardship." "An earlier impetus toward the work." "Educate the children of the church." "Rear a generation of givers." "Stir a higher type of Christian character." "Deepen the spiritual life in pastor and people by a revival of pure religion." "By training all to see and accept true responsibility for Christian work as an essential of the spirit of Christian life." "Teach the church that the missionary spirit is the essential spirit of Christianity." "Emphasize the fact that when Christianity ceases to be a missionary religion, it begins to be a dead religion."

> "More gratitude give me, more trust in the Lord,
> More pride in his glory, more hope in his word."

Here, then, is our report as to the interest taken by our churches in the Redemptive Work for Christ, outside the limits of their own parishes, the contributions made for its support, and the study of its problems. We do not mean to be pessimistic, but nothing is gained, on the other hand, by shutting our eyes to the plain facts. And these seem to warrant the conclusion that there is a most lamentable lack of concern for this whole division of Christian responsibility and efficiency.

Multitudes do not care even to hear about these efforts which are being made to win our own country and the world for Christ. Missionary literature is not in demand, and is often unread when furnished free.

Prayer for the workers at the front or in the dark places is growing uncommon even in the pulpit and the prayer-meeting. The receipts of our societies, which are simply our agents for doing this work, have been falling short now for years, not only of funds imperatively needed for enlarging the operations, but of the absolute necessities for supporting the work already commenced and under the most promising headway. The order for retrenchment, which is often only another name for retreat, has been sounded throughout our mission fields in the home-land and around the world. According to the editor of one of our foremost missionary magazines the effort to Christianize the world is to-day in positive danger of "a fatal collapse," simply for lack of funds to sustain the laborers.

There never was so much promise on the field itself in every direction as at the present moment. The story of gains during the past year is marvellously cheering. The number of young men and women who are ready to go forth, matching their lives against our contributions, is greater than ever before, but there is no balance in the treasuries to send them to, or to sustain them on, the fields. In the Student Volunteer Movement for foreign missions alone there are over four thousand names enrolled, and yet the boards of all denominations are pathetically appealing for

funds enough to prevent the laborers already on the field from being discharged.

And yet there is no ground for dismay; there is no real cause for discouragement. There is money enough, I am convinced there is piety and consecration enough, to press all this work rapidly forward to ultimate triumph. But the pastors of our churches must rouse themselves to grasp and appreciate the true urgency of the issue. Then from the pulpits and from the headquarters of the societies and from the religious papers, and even from the secular press, there must go forth the trumpet call to all who love the kingdom of our God to give over some appreciable portion from selfish expenditure and accumulation, and bring the tithes into the storehouse in loyal devotion to the interests of the heavenly kingdom which is to fill the earth and abide forever.

When the good people in our churches are thoroughly informed as to the magnificent and world-wide opportunities now awaiting the coming of the Christian herald, as the crowning feature of the splendid results already achieved and now in actual progress at home and abroad, they can be depended upon, I am sure, to pray and labor, and contribute as may be needed, for the triumphant prosecution of the King's business beyond as well as within the local church.

BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

ANNUAL REPORT.[1]

To the General Association of Massachusetts:

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply respectfully presents its fourth annual report.

The period covered is the year ending at the first of May. The work of the office has continued large. We have rendered service during the year in matters directly connected with pastoral settlements to one hundred and thirty-six churches. This does not include the furnishing of occasional or temporary supplies. It does not count anything which has been done unofficially or incidentally, but only that which has been done in answer to direct requests from authorized representatives of churches. It is not meant that we have had a share in the making of this number of actual settlements, but that consultations with respect to the pastorate have been had with our office on behalf of this number of churches. Pastoral settlements have been made in thirty-nine churches resulting directly from recommendations originally and distinctly made by us. In other instances the share we have had has been sometimes large, sometimes but slight; in still others no settlements have yet been reached.

Consultations with ministers with respect to a change of pastorate, or with respect to the acceptance of a call that has come to them, are of continual occurrence; but no list has been kept of them.

Opportunies to preach as candidates for settlement have been furnished to one hundred and one men. In many cases there have been repeated opportunities.

With churches that have received their candidates directly from us the average number of such candidates that have been heard before a settlement has been reached has been two and fifty-eight one-hundredths. Eighteen churches have taken the first candidate that appeared before them. The average age of the men settled was about thirty-five.

Of the whole number of churches served by us in matters relating to the pastorate there were twenty-four churches having a membership of over three hundred; forty-seven having a membership of from one hundred to three hundred and sixty-five, with a membership of less than one hundred. Of these churches eighteen pay a salary of over $2,000, thirty-nine of between $1,000 and $2,000, and seventy-nine of less than $1,000.

We reckoned the number of Massachusetts churches that were without a pastor a year ago as forty-six. The number on the first of May of the present year was forty-four. It is not possible to secure absolute accuracy in these figures, since it is not always known at what time a reported

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resignation goes into effect; and since it does not in every case go into effect at all. For the purposes of this reckoning churches that have made engagements with ministers for not less than a year, and with an expectation of further continuance, are regarded as furnished with pastors.

A considerable proportion of the churches without pastors are very small. Several of these churches have become accustomed to the living in some manner without regular pastoral service.

There has been a material lessening of the number of churches without pastors within the last four years. In 1894 the number was fifty-nine by our mode of reckoning, as against the present number of forty-four, a decrease of twenty-five per cent. If we take out in each case the very small churches that make no effort to maintain a pastor, leaving those only that have been actually looking for pastors, or those having some natural expectancy in that direction, we find that this number four years ago was fifty-three while now it is thirty-eight. This is the proper form really of comparison. It appears thus that the number of pastoral vacancies in Massachusetts has, properly speaking, diminished within these four years by about thirty-five per cent. We do not suppose that this result is wholly due to the work of our office, but it is in part the effect of it.

It was stated last year that the comparing of pastoral settlements in which we have had some share with other settlements made during the same period in all other ways brought to light the remarkable fact that the ratio of pastoral *change* has been less with those in which we have had a part. This continues to be true. It is thus shown that so far the settlements in which we have had a share have been, taking the general average, more satisfactory than the others.

Our financial report, as in former years, is much less favorable than we could wish. The treasurer's account for the year is as follows : —

Receipts from churches	$1,487 01
" " individuals	15 00
" " office fees	177 02
" " preaching of secretary	563 42
	$2,242 45

Expenditures : —

Rent of office	150 00
Care of office	13 75
Advertising	31 20
Stationery, printing, and furnishings	42 63
Telegraphing	6 26
Postage	90 87
Travelling expenses	79 64
Salary of secretary's assistant	450 00
Salary of secretary in part	1,378 10
	$2,242 45

There has been a small increase from last year in the receipts from the churches. But the gain has not been nearly enough to meet the deficiency in income which has always existed. There is now due the secretary, $2,823.17. There are no other debts. The secretary would be glad to see this particular debt reduced.

Of the indebtedness now existing, $1,157.30 was incurred during the first year of the existence of the Board; and this is a little more than forty per cent of the whole. The deficiency for the year just closing was $621.90.

Our brethren of the Association will permit us to refer to the facts connected with the establishment of this Board. In 1892 a committee was appointed by the Association with this object in view. In 1893 this committee reported with recommendations, which the Association adopted. The vote as passed was this: —

"That the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts establish, at Boston, a ministerial bureau to be under the general direction and support of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts. . . . That the General Association of the Congregational churches assumes the responsibility of the bureau, and will rely on the churches and pastors for such financial aid as may be needed to carry on its work efficiently, and especially recommending the churches to contribute, annually, at least three cents a member toward the support of the bureau."

There were accompanying provisions for the organization of the bureau — the title of which has since been changed to Board. And the basis of contributions asked for from the churches has been changed from church membership to a percentage of the salaries paid.

It will be seen that the language was strong, and the responsibility assumed by the Association was full and complete. This action was reaffirmed in 1894. It was in full reliance upon what had thus been done that our office was equipped and opened, shortly after the meeting of the Association in that year. We have depended, and do depend, upon the support of the Association, thus repeatedly pledged. The affairs of the Board have been conducted with a purpose of economy; and the salaries paid to the secretary and his assistant together are less than the amount proposed for the secretary alone, in the report upon which the action of the Association was based. We gratefully remember, too, that the Association has not failed in each of the succeeding years, in 1895, 1896, and 1897, to express its approval of our work.

There has been no lack of consistency and of heartiness in all that has been done, — yet still it has not been found possible to secure the funds that were needed.

In one respect there has been substantial progress in each year. Nine of our twenty-five conferences have now authorized and requested their treasurers to collect the contributions of their churches in our behalf. Another, making ten, is understood to have taken action looking in the same direction. This is encouraging, and this process, if continued and completed, would give us all the support we need — unless, indeed, we

should perish before the relief should arrive. We hope not to perish. In the making of this change to the conference system it often happens, however, that in waiting for the particular time of the conference election to arrive, the contribution of one year is, in fact, missed; and this has occasioned serious losses during the last year. But this difficulty will occur but once in the case of any conference.

We should be glad if it might seem wise to the Association that it should itself undertake to collect directly the sum needed for the support of the Board, including this along with the other sums heretofore asked for from the churches. In that case, if the indebtedness of the Board were at once discharged, there would not be needed so large an amount as the one third of one per cent of the pastor's salary, for which we now ask. But for the making up of this deficiency, and for a short time only, not probably to exceed two years, we would recommend that the rate should be somewhat larger, and that it should be equal to one half of one per cent of the salary. We make this proposal as indicating the amount that might be needed for a time; we do not enter at all upon the question of the advisability of continuing these contributions upon the basis of percentages rather than in the form of a certain sum for each church member. Apart from the indebtedness, and in whatever manner the money may be raised, the sum ordinarily necessary to be received from the churches would be about $2,300, and this allows $150 for increase of rent in the new Congregational House. We bring this matter thus before you for your wise and generous consideration.

The work of our office can be done in a more thorough and satisfactory manner when these financial embarrassments are removed. All the time and thought of the secretary are needed, and urgently needed, in the proper business of his position; and he ought not to be much taken up with the raising of money. He has not meant to be. But with every effort to the contrary, the hindrance has at times been serious. In the same manner the Directors have been obliged in their meetings to give to financial matters much of that attention which should have been wholly bestowed upon the oversight and guidance of the work of the office. And further, if our Board can now be given the relief it needs, the General Association itself will have a share in the benefit, since we shall then make pleasanter or certainly shorter reports.

The furnishings and equipments of our office, though much improved from what they were at first, are still very inadequate, and with some further moderate expenditures in this direction our work would be greatly assisted.

We have had from the first most cordial relations with the Congregational churches of New Hampshire. The General Association of that State has under consideration propositions looking toward a union with Massachusetts in the maintenance of our Board. If such a union were effected it would be with an agreement that a certain number of Directors, probably three, should be chosen in New Hampshire, and that a certain fixed sum should be collected in that State for the support of the Board.

We recommend that the Directors be empowered on the part of our General Association to conclude such an engagement if opportunity should occur. If no such union is effected, our relations with New Hampshire will continue to be close and friendly.

For a considerable part of the service rendered to churches outside of Massachusetts we receive no pay. This must be so of necessity, and we have no expectation or desire that it should be otherwise. If we answer a letter of inquiry concerning a minister we could not wish to follow it with a charge requiring payment; yet the labor involved is often not slight. But we are glad if we may be in any such ways neighborly and helpful.

Committees representing the Congregational churches of Ohio and Illinois have written repeatedly to make inquiries concerning our organization and methods of work; and this correspondence has indicated plainly that there is a strong desire with many at the West for the establishment there of agencies similar to ours.

The business of our office brings to us continual knowledge of the difficulties and trials of our brethren in the ministry. We are sure that the larger part of the pastors of our churches are prosperous and happy in their work; but it is in the nature of the case that that which is most reported to us should be perplexity and concern rather than prosperity and contentment. Often we have the satisfaction of affording to these brethren some assistance. Too frequently we have the pain of being compelled to feel that we can do but little or nothing for them. This is peculiarly liable to occur with those who are somewhat advanced in age.

We desire that it should be understood among all our brethren that our office itself is most freely open to their coming upon any occasion of concern or interest to them. They are not to feel humiliated as they come. They do not come in any wise as those asking favors narrowly for themselves. They come of public right; they come by an appointment expressly made in behalf of the churches as much as for themselves. Our office is established in part to this very end, that no humiliation should ever be felt by a Christian minister having occasion to enter it. We may often be unable to render him such assistance as would be most gladly given; but we should be grieved indeed to think that he might ever fail to find with us a considerate and rightful welcome.

We wish to repeat the assurance given in former reports, that suggestions of improved methods or better administration of our office will always be thankfully received. We hope it does not need to be said that no minister will ever suffer in any wise on account of even the sharpest criticism that he may have occasion to make. We accept most heartily our full responsibility to the churches, and to the ministers in due measure as members of the churches. We are sensible of the extreme difficulty and delicacy of the duties laid upon us, and of the constant liability to weakness and error in the discharge of them. We know especially that no personal favoritism or personal prejudice should be allowed in our work; that absolute fairness and impartiality are first of all essen-

tial and indispensable to its fitting performance, and that the lack of these would utterly vitiate its character. It would be far too much to claim that perfect fairness is always secured; but it is not untrue to say that the necessity of it is kept daily and hourly in mind.

We ask your counsel and prayer to the end that this agency which you have established may be helpful to our churches and may be approved of God.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST GAMBLING.[1]

Efficient restraint is irksome, and the efficiency of recent efforts to restrain gambling is indicated by attempts made in the legislatures of 1897 and 1898 to relax our present statutes so far as to permit the sale of pools at races. Your committee took occasion to call the attention of several members of the present legislature to this proposition in order to request the maintenance of the present law.

So far as we can learn, no effort to impair the strictness of the present statutes has had enough vitality to command any attention from the legislative body.

Again, so far as we can find, no municipality in this Commonwealth that has once taken issue against gambling at races has ever allowed the revival of it. It is therefore encouraging to note that the efforts made a year ago in the eastern part of the State succeeded, and Medford, Saugus, and Dedham suppressed race-track gambling. Northampton did as well.

There are, however, three places in the Commonwealth, for which even the charity of your committee could not claim that they suppressed pools at races, but as they are only three your committee do not consider extensive report called for at the present time. It desires, however, to acknowledge the activity of the Watch and Ward Society and the continued cooperation of the ministers of our denomination in Medford in maintaining and extending the enforcement of the law against gambling in Eastern Massachusetts.

We recommend the continuance of a committee against gambling.

We hope henceforth to spare you long reports, but such a body is needed for restraining grace so long as even three laggard municipalities fail to enforce the law, as well as to watch that the gains now so largely made be not forfeited, either by lapse of enforcement, or by stealthy manipulation of legislatures.

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REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.[1]

We are Gaining on the Enemy.

A body of believers who are actuated by Christ's spirit is his church. The dominion of his spirit in every human heart is the object for which his church labors and prays. No question in its relation to this object outranks as a deterrent force what the people on the continent of Europe call "the curse of alcoholism," and what we call the vice of intemperance.

Therefore when we ask: What are the signs of the coming of his kingdom, whose right it is to rule and reign in every human heart, anything like an accurate answer will include careful note of the progress of this handmaid of "the kingdom" — the temperance cause.

We are asked to present a report of that cause for the State of Massachusetts, but such is the solidarity of our modern human life, that our progress is relative and dependent upon that of other parts of the world.

Philip II., of Spain in the sixteenth century, to exclude the doctrines of the Reformation, isolated the intellect of Spain from all the rest of the world by forbidding on pain of death, any citizen to leave Spain to read, learn, or teach anything, or to attend any university or place of learning in any country outside of Spain. The provincial, intolerant Spaniard of to-day is the result.

Never more than now was the cause of temperance in one place related to that cause in other parts of the world, for the whole problem turns on the answer to the question: What is the nature of alcohol as a beverage?

If used in moderation it is a safe drink, then opposition to its sale and use is fanaticism. But if on the contrary, it has the power when taken in small quantities to create an uncontrollable appetite for more, and if the gratification of that appetite blunts the conscience, hardens the heart, impairs the judgment, injures working ability, and causes, as Gladstone said, "worse human disaster than have war, famine, and pestilence combined," then is it a foe that must be met and vanquished before the kingdom of Christ will come.

Whether it must be vanquished depends, as already said, on the answer to the question: Is alcohol as a beverage a friend or foe?

History points to the long roll of ruinous consequences that follow in the wake of alcohol, but it cannot tell us whether these are due to the weakness of the drinker or, as was formerly supposed, to the nature of the drink. Science alone can answer that question, and as she continues her investigations with instruments of modern precision, and in many different lands, her testimony is increasing in volume and in uniformity of statement, all proving that alcoholic drinks are by nature subtle;

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dangerous foes to the moral, mental, and physical well-being of man; that a little alcohol, as found in the lighter liquors, has the power to create the appetite for more, which causes all the disaster we deplore; and that this is the result of the nature of the drink, not of the weakness of the drinker.

Space forbids our presenting but one instance of this testimony of science.

We have been told that, "If our people would only drink the lighter liquors, wine, and beer, etc., so common in Europe, we should have no drunkenness." Last summer, the "Congress Against the Abuse of Alcohol," that meets biennially on the continent of Europe to consider how the evils of drunkenness, which confessedly blights those countries, may be averted, held its session in Brussels, Belgium. The chairman of the temperance committee of this association, on learning that one of its members was invited to represent there the temperance movement in the United States, suggested that that member should appear also as a representative of the temperance committee of this association, and sent to the Congress letters of credentials to that effect. Therefore, the findings of that body are a legitimate part of this report.

The personnel of the Congress added emphasis to its utterances, for it was made up chiefly of representatives from the universities of Europe, and men connected with the governments of its nations.

Concerning those utterances, we have space to state only that every paper there presented which reported scientific investigation by university men who are trained to look into the face of nature and report, without bias, what they find, showed that, by the most painstaking scientific investigation, no place could be found in the healthy human economy for alcoholic drinks in any quantity. On the contrary, their investigations proved that alcohol injures health, diminishes both mental and physical capacity for work in proportion to the amount taken, and confirmed the testimony of August Forel, M. D., professor of physiology in the University of Zurich, who said: —

"Alcohol, which by slow, unperceived poisoning of the brain, first of all benumbs and destroys our higher ethical feelings, thinking, and willing, and renders us more animal and brutal than we should be otherwise, is the very worst enemy to the future of humanity."

Papers on the sociological aspects of "the alcohol problem," read by men from such wine and beer drinking countries as France and Germany, deplored the drunkenness, which they admitted is an existing menace which they would avert from their native lands.

If the use of wine or beer would prevent drunkenness, as the claim referred to asserts, then there should be no drunkenness in France, Germany, Belgium, and other wine and beer drinking countries of Europe, and there should have been no need of the Brussels Congress, made up of representatives of those countries, met to consider how the curse of alcoholism could be removed.

This latest testimony of science against alcoholic drinks is vital to

Massachusetts, as it is to every other people throughout Christendom, for the situation is this: The first cause of the drink evil everywhere is the misconception of the people. From generations of habit, custom, and appetite, the idea has been inherited that moderately used, alcoholic drinks are good, and that misconception leads to the beginning of their use, while the consequences that have followed are the nightmare of the ages. Every testimony of science, like that from the Brussels Congress, furnishes truth with which to correct these popular misconceptions.

Is it not a providential conjunction of events that as these testimonies of science in the old world, confirmed by similar investigations in the new, are brought to our attention, nearly every school-house in the land is not only open to receive it, but the law commands that the warning truth concerning the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics shall be taught all pupils in all schools in connection with other laws of health?

Massachusetts was one of the early States, in 1885, to make this a compulsory study. The law then enacted is weak with no penalty, and lacks important specifications which have been added from time to time to the temperance education laws of other States.

The world to-day is admiring the cool precision, the steady effectiveness of aim, of our sailor soldier boys during the naval battle at Manila in the Orient. How did it happen there that every shot told? God was there, but he works through human means and often sets forces in motion long before we see their bearing.

In 1886, the Congress of the United States enacted a law which requires all students in our national military and naval academies at West Point and Annapolis to be taught, in connection with physiology and hygiene, the nature of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics, and their effects upon nerves, senses, brain, muscles, and every other human tissue and function. Therefore the young men who for the last twelve years have been graduated from those institutions, and who are now manning our navy, have gone to their country's defence knowing that instead of helping in feats of skill and endurance, as men supposed it did when the war of the Rebellion broke out, alcohol blunts sense perception, clouds the brain, and impairs precision by deadening nerve control of muscles, thereby unfitting the drinker for important tasks requiring skill and prolonged effort.

Congress also ordered in that law that this study should be taught with text-books in the hands of those military and naval cadets, and that the nation should furnish the books, as it has furnished them, and good books too, during twelve years. Who can say that the hand that wrote the truth against alcohol in those books did not help to aim the guns at Manila?

But the Massachusetts law does not require its school boards to furnish text-books for this important study as they must for other branches, and what they are not obliged to do they fail often to see the importance of doing. And thus without suitable helps the study often goes by default; because neither teacher nor pupil can make bricks without straw.

The nation had sore need of skilled marksmen two weeks ago at

Manila, and Massachusetts with nearly one man in three in her population foreign born, has sore need of educating her future men and women to be intelligent abstainers from all forms of alcoholic drinks — humanity's worst foe. The temperance education laws of Illinois and New York have been revised to require, besides text-books, a minimum number of lessons that shall be pursued by all pupils on this subject in the various grades of the public schools, with examinations in the same for promotion from grade to grade, and in these States as in sixteen others, a penalty impends if the law is evaded in any of its particulars.

We are behind in the provision we have made for the education of our children in this important matter. Our temperance education law should be amended. It was through the influence of the Christian churches of New York, Illinois, and other States co-operating with temperance and other philanthropic organizations, that these laws have been strengthened in those States. Should not the Congregational churches of Massachusetts, the church of the Puritans, also help to secure a better law for the protection of the children of this Commonwealth from the enticements of alcohol?

Every State in the United States but four now has a temperance education law. There are sixteen million children of school age under this legislation. A great school literature, which has been proved accurate, and methods of instruction have been prepared on the subject, and every school day of the year millions of the future men and women of our land are learning why they should not drink alcoholic liquors.

What results can now be seen of this instruction?

The instructor in temperance physiology at our National Military Academy at West Point, says of the years following the introduction of that study into that school: —

"There has been a marked diminution in drinking at army posts which are officered by cadets who have had instruction in temperance physiology."

Graduating classes are reported as having no liquors at class suppers.

At the time the department of temperance education began its work in 1880 — eighteen years ago — a man in this country was not considered to be unfit for positions of responsibility requiring acute perception or the best exercise of any other faculty, because he was a moderate user of alcoholic drinks and tobacco. Men who were known to be moderate drinkers were unhesitatingly employed on railroads, steamboats, in watch factories, and other places requiring clear brains and steady nerves.

The fact that the estimate of the business value of such men is very much changed, and the relation of scientific temperance education in the public schools to that change, is well illustrated by the following incident: —

In 1896, one of the officers in a large railroad corporation was asked: "What led to the order issued by your company forbidding the employment of men to run trains who are users, when on or off duty, of alcoholic drinks or tobacco?"

The reply was: "Why, even the children in the public schools know that tobacco as well as alcohol blunts the perceptive faculties. You cannot expect to teach these things to the children, and trade not take the hint. We want the men who run our trains to be in full possession of all their faculties. We want the best service a man can give us for the money we pay him. We are surer of getting that from the men who neither smoke nor drink, and that is why we forbid these habits in the men in our employment."

The following from a daily paper furnishes testimony in the same line: —

"According to the Philadelphia *Times*, visitors to the German-American Saengerfest lately held in that city were greatly surprised at the abstemiousness exhibited by the representative local politicians.

It is also alleged by this newspaper authority that quite an array of local politicians turn down their glasses at banquets and social functions, and even boycott beer. The *Times* then remarks: —

"The politicians of the higher or abler class have arrived at the conclusion that they must keep a clear head, a good digestion, and sound health to enable them to climb to the top, and they act accordingly. The good old days when the political fraternity opened wine by the case on the slightest provocation or no provocation at all seem to have departed forever. Now, leading party men, both Republicans and Democrats, are quite as abstemious, so far as their personal habits are concerned, as the politicians of the Prohibition faith."

This is an interesting revelation, and clinches another point in favor of abstinence from alcoholic liquors. It shows that politics are governed by the same rules which are now applied to the management of all successful business enterprises, and that is, that a man ceases to be safe and efficient in proportion as he befuddles himself with drink."

The demand of the times is that whether a man is to run a bank, a railroad locomotive, or a political caucus, he must be at his best, and that is impossible when he is under the influence of the stuff whose certain tendency is to make him at his worst."

Nearly every occupation, respectable and responsible in character, has for some time been quarantined against the man who drinks, and now that the trade of politician is being classed in the list where abstinence is required, the drinkers have nothing left but the positions which are menial, and the final gutter to which the drink habit logically leads. By a process of social and commercial, if not natural selection the drink problem seems to be forcing its way to a final solution.

In connection with the above, it should be borne in mind that in Pennsylvania, where this condition is noted, one of the best temperance education laws has been longer in force than has a law of equal merit in any other State.

These are only a few of the abounding evidences of the indirect results of the children's getting the truth in the schools and carrying it home to their parents. Through this channel it has already successfully appealed

to the strongest instinct of business and of politics as well, namely, to that of self-preservation and self-advancement.

The following recent statement from a school superintendent is a fair sample of the direct results which are following the enactment of good temperance education laws: —

"I have had several years' experience under a similar law in another State, and in a school of more than seven hundred pupils. I saw the continued teaching of temperance physiology, at the hands of wise teachers, build up in that school a sturdy, well-grounded opposition on the part of the children to the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages in all forms, which finally crystallized in the formation of a school society by and among the pupils, with a pledge that was voluntarily signed and supported by more than ninety-five per cent of all the children in that school. CHARLES S. DAVIS, *Superintendent of Schools, Amsterdam, N. Y.*"

And now comes the important information which we quote from the Medical Record published in New York, one of the most influential journals of the profession, that while the per capita consumption of alcohol is increasing in France, England, and other countries, it is decreasing in America, where the decrease since 1888 amounts to more than thirty per cent.

How much has temperance education in the public schools had to do with this decrease?

The first temperance education laws enacted in the United States began to go into force in the schoolrooms of our largest and most populous States, thereby reaching the largest numbers, in 1885 and 1886, and three years thereafter, in 1888, this persistent infiltration of truth against alcoholic drinks had reached the adult population through the children to such an extent as to begin to affect the per capita consumption of those drinks for the whole country.

We are probably more like the people of England than those of any other country.

In his annual alcoholic budget to the London *Times*, Dr. Burns recently estimated the drink bill of the United Kingdom for the year 1897 in round numbers at $760,000,000, an increase over the preceding year of about $16,500,000.

In England is done as much church temperance work, society and Band of Hope temperance work as is done in this country, and they have not had the classes that must be reached, increased by such a flood of foreign immigration as we have had. But they have no such system of continuous public school temperance education reaching all pupils as have we in this country; and this fact is evidence that to that system we are indebted for the fact that the consumption of alcohol is falling off in this country while it is increasing with our cousins across the water. The nations of Europe, realizing that in the education of their people against alcohol is their only hope, are groping toward what we have now attained.

Although the existing law of Massachusetts is weak, yet some good has

been done where conscientious school boards and teachers have given it a fair chance, as is shown by the license vote of this State, for the people who want these liquors generally want them sold in their communities.

From the State House records, it seems that in 1885, the year the Massachusetts temperance education law was enacted, there was cast in the whole State, a majority vote *for liceuse* of 27,536. In 1896, when the temperance education law had been in force eleven years, there had been for the five preceding years an average majority vote of 7,653 *against license.*

Therefore, we may estimate that the temperance teaching in the public schools, reaching parents through the children, has been a powerful factor in reversing the votes of the 27,536 majority for license in 1885, and in winning in addition, the 7,653 average majority vote which for five years has been cast for NO license, dating from 1891 to 1896, the last date from which we could obtain reliable figures.

The study of physiological temperance in the public schools has been the only new factor that has, during the period referred to, been added to previously existing influences that are active promotors of temperance sentiment. Therefore we are warranted in saying that if the limited amount of teaching under the existing law has been a factor in changing 35,189 votes against the saloon, it is the duty of this State so to strengthen the statute as to provide this warning education for every child in our public schools.

Your committee therefore submit the following resolution for your adoption: —

Rejoicing in the good that has been accomplished through the temperance education law of our State, we believe the time has come when that law should be so strengthened that it will insure a temperance education to every child in every public school in our Commonwealth.

We therefore, hereby instruct our Temperance Committee to do whatever they deem to be wise to secure this end.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.[1]

Matters relating to the observance of the Lord's Day have had an unusually prominent place at the annual meetings of this General Association since the year 1891. The recent movement began in two of the Conferences of the Connecticut Valley, which sent memorials to the Association asking for concerted action in the direction of a better recognition of the day of rest on the part of the railroad corporations in the State. Since that time this body has appointed committees each year to report on Sunday traffic, or Sunday labor, and Sunday observance. A number of the most influential pastors and laymen of the State have served on these committees, and their annual reports have led to most earnest discussions.

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The reports have presented facts gathered by large numbers of observers, in all parts of the State, in respect to the more common forms of Sunday desecration. The Association sent a vigorous remonstrance against opening the Columbian Exposition to the public on the Lord's day. The Association has also given its hearty endorsement from year to year to the New England Sabbath Protective League. It has sent petitions to the Legislature in favor of better Sunday laws. It has asked the co-operation of other denominations in efforts to secure a weekly rest day for laboring men. In 1896 a Pastoral Letter was sent by this body to all the Congregational churches in the State to urge the importance of explicit teaching, in the pulpit, as often at least as once a year, in respect to the duty of observing the Lord's Day; and also to urge upon Christian parents, and Sunday-school teachers, the duty of giving careful instruction from time to time to the children and young people under their influence, in regard to this matter.

Still, we have not made the duty of keeping the Sabbath more prominent than the Bible makes it. "The Sabbath," says a recent writer, "is as old as man. It antedates human history. As far as we can penetrate into the shadowy days of the past we find indications of its observance The Hebrews had it ages before the law was given from Sinai. It was not unknown to other ancient nations. The Decalogue did not create moral distinctions. We affirm the sanctity of marriage, because it is not a human invention but was ordained of God from the beginning. So we find the Sabbath at the very origin of Society, and we are expressly told that it is of divine appointment." The Sabbath was made for man, — not the Jewish Sabbath, but the Sabbath of the Creation. There is no other sin more frequently condemned in the Bible, or more severely punished, than the violation of the Sabbath. Our Saviour made the observance of the Sabbath very prominent in his practice and in his teaching. As his custom was he went to the Synagogue on the Sabbath day. He came not to destroy the law but to fulfil it. He treated the fourth Commandment just as he treated the fifth, and the sixth, and the seventh. He brushed aside the traditions of men, which had obscured and perverted those divine laws, and he brought out their spiritual meaning. "He found the day a burden, he made it once more a delight." As the Lord of the Sabbath day he reaffirmed its obligation, and taught that it was made for man, — the whole man, — body, soul, and spirit, — for men at all times, and in all places, because all men need its rest, and its opportunities for worship.

We certainly have not placed so strong an emphasis upon the duty of making a Christian use of the Lord's Day as our Puritan fathers did. The type of character which has been developed in the Congregational churches through their teaching and influence is, for us, a strong recommendation of that teaching. In the early years of this century, at the time of the great Unitarian defection, when a portion of the Puritan churches held tenaciously the ancient faith, they magnified the Puritan Sabbath as one of the divine institutions on which the growth of the Kingdom of God depended. The great revivals of religion among the evangelical churches

here during this century, with the growth of Home and Foreign Missions, have been closely connected with the observance of the Lord's Day. It would not be difficult to show from the history of our Congregational churches, that spiritual prosperity has gone along with a careful observance of the holy day; and that a neglect of the Sabbath has weakened the hold of religion upon the community, and has "cut the nerve of missions."

Nor has our General Association made the Lord's Day more prominent than it has been made by the expressions of the closest and most thoughtful observers, both among the friends of religion and among its enemies. It was Voltaire who said: "If you would defeat the Church, attack the Sabbath." And Renan said, after an observation of the so-called continental sabbath: "Christianity is dead, it has lost its Sunday" But Ralph Waldo Emerson, with his Puritan training, said: "The Sunday is the core of our civilization, dedicated to thought and reverence." Coleridge said: "I feel as if God, in giving the Sabbath, had given fifty-two springs in the year." Mr. Gladstone has said, "I attribute the prolongation of my life, and the preservation of the faculties I may still possess, to the observance of Sunday rest." The late Frederick W. Robertson, of Brighton, has left this statement: "I am more and more sure by experience that the reason for the observance of the Sabbath lies deep in the everlasting necessities of human nature." "The soul withers without it. It thrives in proportion to the fidelity of the observance." Archbishop Ireland has said: "There are many causes at work diminishing the power of religion; but one is assuredly this, the loss of reverence for the Sunday. The obliteration of Sunday is the proclamation of materialism; the making of man a mere machine to grind out material wealth. This is the latest danger of our present civilization." Joseph Cook has said: "Without Sunday there can never be a successful American republic. Give us a Parisian Sunday, from sea to sea, and in three generations you will need a Parisian army to keep the Republic in order."

This committee has received a great amount of evidence that the hold of the Christian Sabbath upon the people of our congregations is very strong This is especially true in the districts remote from the great cities. For more than two hundred and fifty years the people of Massachusetts have honored the Lord's Day. Our churches are made up, in large part, of people of New England birth, and the influence of eight generations of men who have kept the Lord's Day as a day of rest and of worship is one of the strongest factors in our Christian civilization. There are thousands of families in this State where the children are carefully trained to observe the day as of divine appointment. A great many remonstrances have come up from the people against the increase of railroad traffic on Sunday. A great many petitions have been sent to the Legislature, asking for such changes in the laws as will check the tendency to use the day as a day of toil, or of amusement. The plain people of the Common wealth are right upon this matter.

On the other hand, the influences that are unfriendly to the due ob-

servance of the day are very strong, and they are probably becoming stronger. We have the Sunday newspaper sold in almost every village and hamlet. We have several hundreds of Sunday trains, running, many of them, in violation of law. The electric cars carry great numbers of people every Sunday at a small expense away from the churches to places of amusement. In almost every community the Sunday bicycle keeps many people from the house of God. Many of the club-houses in the cities and suburban towns are open on Sunday, even during the hours of public worship. Young men who come from country homes, to secure employment on the electric cars, and on the railways, and elsewhere, find that they must work seven days in a week if they would keep their places. Theatres and other places of amusement are frequently opened on the evening of the Lord's Day on the pretence that the profits of the entertainment are to be given to some charitable object. At a recent hearing, before a committee of the Legislature, a large number or men of distinction and influence maintained that there is no divine authority for making a distinction between the Lord's Day and other days. They insisted that whatever may properly be done on Monday may be done on Sunday. Thus it is that many people of culture and influence among us are seeking to destroy that which a great English statesman has called "the corner-stone of our civilization." It is never safe to disturb a corner-stone. We do well to take heed to the warnings which have been given by eminent Catholics as well as Protestants, that the decline of reverence for Sunday is already weakening the power of religion among the people. In many places in the cities, and in some rural communities, the congregations are diminishing and the religious spirit is weakening because the love of pleasure and the love of money are breaking up the sacred associations connected with the day of worship. So that it has come to pass that the Lord's Day in Massachusetts is on the defensive.

What influences can be relied upon to restore the day to its place as a day of divine appointment?

In this matter we do well to walk by faith, not by sight. The Lord has taken care of His own day. If our eyes are opened to a spiritual vision we shall see that "they that be for us are more than they that be against us."

"The stars in their courses fought against Sisera."

This is not the first time in our history, when it has seemed to human view as though the Sabbath of Protestant England and America was passing away. But in each instance, the revival of the religious spirit in the churches has brought the people back to the observance of the Lord's Day with a fresh interest and devotion. The influences that support this institution are far-reaching and permanent.

The recent changes in respect to methods of locomotion, the great increase of wealth, the growth of a secular spirit, and the unbelief that goes along with these things, seem to be weakening the influence of spiritual religion, and the institutions of divine appointment. The burning bush is one emblem of the church in the world; "The bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed." The Sabbath which was made for

man must last as long as the work of redemption is in progress. The Sabbath has not gone, and it is not going. The tide ebbs and flows; but God takes care of His church, and the "gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

The reports that have come to the committee this year have been in many respects encouraging. The Young Men's Christian associations have exerted a strong and consistent influence in checking violations of the Sunday laws, and in commending the religious use of the day by their own example and influence. The Woman's Christian Temperance Unions have their regular committees on Sunday observance, and they can be depended on to defend the Lord's Day, not only in their own meetings, but wherever there is need of their testimony. The representatives of these Unions have been conspicuous among those who have asked for the legal protection of the day at the recent hearings before the Legislature. The Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., President of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, has recently said: "There are more than seventy-five thousand members of the Christian Endeavor societies in Massachusetts. The young people in these societies are peculiarly sensitive concerning the growing laxness with which the Sabbath is regarded in New England, and they fear the demoralization which they believe will come to our country, from a lax observance of the Lord's Day."

Our report last year gave an account of a vigorous movement in Springfield against Sunday base-ball. The Christian Endeavor Union of that city, with more than two thousand members, took a leading part in the movement. We learn, through the Springfield *Republican*, that the directors of the base-ball club of that city have now decided not to play Sunday games anywhere this season, although for five years before, they have played such games in a number of cities. This is one indication of the good effect of an appeal to the best public sentiment of a Christian community in behalf of the Lord's Day.

The secretary of the New England Sabbath Protective League, Rev. M. D. Kneeland, D. D., whose field covers the whole of New England, has presented his cause during the year in sixty-three of the Congregational churches in this State, including some of the largest of them. He reports an increase of interest among good people. The contributions to the treasury of the League have been so generous in these times of the falling off of benevolent contributions, as to show that the people have a living interest in this work. A large amount of literature connected with Sunday observance has been circulated. The addresses upon this subject, which were given a year ago before this General Association, have been reprinted by the League, and widely circulated.

A number of the pastors of our churches have been conspicuous for their advocacy of a more careful observance of the Lord's Day, not only in their regular ministrations at home, but in addresses before conferences, and Sabbath Conventions, and in advocating before committees of the Legislature the passage of laws to secure a weekly rest day to the working-men, and to check Sunday excursions and Sunday theatres.

The duty of keeping the day holy unto the Lord has been urged in many Sunday schools, as well as in a large number of Christian families.

Ex-Mayor F. O. Prince of Boston has recently said, in a letter addressed to a committee of the Legislature: —

"It has been truly said, that wherever the Lord's Day has been regarded as made for man, and observed as divinely directed, the condition of the people has been in every way superior to the condition of those where different customs prevail. There has been a higher social tone, a higher civilization, a tenderer humanity, a keener intelligence, more respect for law and order, better schools, and more advanced social conditions, than in countries where the ordinary labors and amusements have been persisted in. The Anglo-Saxon people have had strong convictions of the duty and propriety of recognizing the sanctity of the Lord's Day. This sentiment respecting the observance of Sunday is so strong and general, so deep rooted in the hearts of our people, that I think any change of the laws which would allow the day to be observed as it is in the continental countries of Europe would be not only offensive but intolerable. All who desire good government, and wish to have the community imbued with proper regard for social order, respect for law, and all the decencies which show a Christian civilization, would resist a change in our laws which would permit secular work or public amusements and diversions on Sunday."

This testimony from such a man shows the strong hold which the Lord's Day has upon a large class of the intellectual and political leaders of this Puritan Commonwealth.

On the other hand, some of the letters we have received complain of a certain apathy in the churches and among the ministers in respect to the Lord's Day. An eminent minister, who is the pastor of one of the most important churches in the Eastern section of the State, has written: "The churches fail to appreciate the efforts of those who are trying to prevent Sabbath demoralization. This demoralization is only a sign of other forms of demoralization. There is a sad lack of reverence in worship, and of reverence for parents, a lack of purity in politics, and a lack of the old integrity in business. The Sabbath was to be a sign, according to Ezekiel xx. 12, of other and deeper things than itself. All thinking people recognize a breaking away from respect for institutions, such as the family and the Church, and a reliance upon a sentimental religion, — which is a sort of jelly-fish piety."

The pastor of a leading church in central Massachusetts, himself one of the younger ministers, has written as follows: "The tendency is towards a lax observance, and a lax theory concerning the day. Some ministers in so-called orthodox pulpits ally themselves with the press (which wants its Sunday edition), to pull the day down. When will our ministers and others learn that Christianity itself will not long survive with all the institutions of Christianity gone? Here lies the trouble. My suggestion to the Committee is this: *prod the ministers, and make them ashamed of their sins of omission and commission as regards the Lord's Day.*"

In view of the various facts and consideration presented in this report, the Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions, and ask that a time be set apart for their consideration: —

Resolved, That in view of the present alarming desecration of the Lord's Day, there is need of united and earnest prayer for divine help and guidance, and also of wise and vigorous action, along the whole line, to check the practices which are doing so much to weaken our churches, and demoralize our people.

Resolved, That we will discountenance, by our influence and example, those practices which are inconsistent with the teachings of the Scriptures in respect to the Holy Day, and that we will set forth in our families and Sunday schools and in our pulpits the divine authority of the Lord's Day, and will endeavor, as much as in us lies, to lead the people to use it as a day of Christian instruction, fellowship, and worship.

Resolved, That we recommend to our Congregational Publishing Society to publish a series of tracts adapted to the times, which shall set forth the divine authority for the Lord's Day; the far-reaching consequences of lax views and practices in respect to Sunday observance; and also point out what uses of the day will be most profitable.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday Observance be continued as one of the Standing Committees of the Association, and that it be enlarged, so as to represent every section of the State; and that this committee be instructed not only to present an annual report, but to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Conferences, and to bring this matter in practical ways before the churches, with a view to a more earnest and prayerful consideration of our special duty in respect to the teachings of Him who is the Lord of the Sabbath day.

EZRA H. BYINGTON,
F. L. GOODSPEED,
ALBERT H. PLUMB,
H. M. MOORE,
REUEN THOMAS,
Committee on Sunday Observance.

BOSTON, April 25, 1898.

ON THE WIDER CIRCULATION OF RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.[1]

The Committee on the Wider Circulation of Religious Literature has given attention during the year to the work committed to its charge.

As to the nature of this work, the wide opportunity for the doing of it, and the means easily at hand by which to accomplish it, we would refer to the reports made by your committee at each of the last three annual meetings of the General Association, and to be found in the printed Minutes for those years.

A large amount of literature has been gathered during the past year, and it is being forwarded to needy places.

Much more work of this kind is being done now than formerly, by individuals, and especially by Sunday schools, and societies of Christian Endeavor. The conviction is steadily growing in many minds that the surplus provision and the fragments should be gathered conscientiously from the library table, and given to the mentally hungry, "that nothing be lost."

We believe in such stewardship, and we recommend that a committee be appointed to advocate and guide it during the coming year.

FRANK BARROWS MAKEPEACE.
WILLIAM E. BARTON.
ELLIS MENDELL.

ON CONSOLIDATING MISSIONARY PUBLICATIONS.[2]

The periodicals now issued by our several missionary organizations are several in number, and vary in form and in frequency of issue. The American Board is represented by no less than four different periodicals, — the *Missionary Herald, Life and Light, Mission Studies*, and *Mission Day-spring;* each of which has its peculiar field and its special value in the presentation of the vast work in which this organization is engaged, and each of which is issued every month.

The Home Missionary Society has recently changed its one periodica from a monthly to a quarterly, somewhat enlarged in size and improved in general appearance, with a circulation of over 30,000. A similar change has been adopted by the American Missionary Association in respect to its periodical, *The American Missionary;* while the organs of the other three of our six societies are comparatively small in size, however valuable in their contents.

In addition to these regular periodicals, each separate from the rest, there has now been issued for somewhat more than a year, "Congregational Work," an inexpensive monthly through which all the societies, in one publication, seek to address the whole of our Congregational constitu-

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ency. This venture is still in its experimental stage; thus the outlook for its permanency and increasing value is said to be encouraging.

In view of the facts that the field of the American Board is so much more extensive than that of all the other societies combined, and that it unites in itself the various forms of work in which the other societies are engaged upon the home field, it appears to your committee that a distinct and separate place exists for the several publications of this organization, and that it would be unwise to attempt the consolidation of these, or any of them, with the periodicals that have to do with missionary work in our own land. However intimate the alliance between the home work and that in foreign countries, the fields themselves upon which the work is performed are so dissimilar that a peculiar reason appears for a distinct publication or publications of the Foreign Board.

The expediency of combining the several publications representing the home work, however desirable such combination may be, if regarded apart from other considerations, is to be examined in the light of two or three facts which have weight with your committee and lead to the conclusion that it is expedient to postpone, for the present, any attempt at consolidation.

The combined monthly known as "Congregational Work," itself the result of action taken by the National Council, is still to some extent an experiment. While warmly approved by many as reaching thousands in our churches who, were it not for some such condensed and inexpensive publication, would get little or nothing of missionary intelligence, it is yet too soon to determine whether it will have continued success, or meet the wants of our churches. It would seem the part of wisdom to allow to this enterprise longer time and fuller opportunity to work out its mission, before attempting another and a larger and more costly experiment of a like kind.

The change of two of our home missionary periodicals from a monthly to a quarterly issue is another experiment, whose results, in the judgment of your committee, are not yet sufficiently manifest to warrant the initiation, at the present time, of a new policy with reference to missionary publications in general. The time may be approaching when the proposed combination will prove both wise and expedient, — perhaps before the meeting of the National Council in 1901, by whom, rather than by this State Association, steps should be taken to bring about such consolidation, when the proper time arrives. But your committee is agreed in the judgment that at present it would be unwise because untimely, and for the reasons above indicated.

We therefore recommend that further action upon this matter be indefinitely postponed.

E. C. EWING,
JOHN R. THURSTON,
JOHN E. TUTTLE,
E. E. STRONG,
Committee.

ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.[1]

The Committee on Labor Organizations elected at the last meeting of the State Association was as follows: —

Deacon James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of Chelsea; Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline; Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock, of Newburyport; Rev. William H. Allbright, of Dorchester; Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain; Rev. Jesse H. Jones, of North Abington; Rev. Paris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills, and John H. Colby, of Boston.

The committee organized with Deacon James G. Buttrick for chairman, and Rev. Jesse H. Jones was made secretary. Rev. Dr. Thomas asked to be excused from serving on account of other duties, especially as he would co-operate with the committee through the Sabbath Protective League, of which he is a vice president.

It was established to the satisfaction of the committee by the testimony of its own members, that there was hesitation on the part of many of those in the employ of the transportation companies to ask for one rest-day in seven, much less for the Sabbath rest-day, lest they should imperil their positions. One of its members reported forty families in his congregation, where the husband is required, by the constraints of his position, to work seven days in the week with rarely a day off, fearing to ask for one but seldom. In an interview with one of the highest officials of one of our most important transportation companies, although at first he very much doubted if the facts were as represented, yet before the interview was finished, was constrained to admit from the testimony of his subordinates whom he questioned, that such might be the case a part of the year.

For the furthering of our work we secured the privilege of bringing it before the Boston Monday Ministers' Meeting in Pilgrim Hall, on the sixth of December last. After its opening exercises our chairman, Deacon Buttrick, had charge, and made a statement of our aims and plans. He then introduced Mr. George E. McNeill of Boston, for forty years an advocate of the cause of Labor, who made the principal address. He was followed by Revs. Allbright and Jones of our committee, who made stirring five-minute speeches. Such was the interest awakened that the subject was taken up again two weeks later, when Brother Allbright, in behalf of the committee, made a carefully written presentation of matters of fact of special importance, which produced a deep impression. He was followed by Revs. H. W. Stebbins, George A. Gordon, Reuen Thomas, and Daniel Evans. The interest was so intense that the meeting was continued nearly two hours.

A hearty, unanimous vote was passed, recommending to the committee two specific lines of endeavor, namely: —

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1. That co-operating committees be secured from the other ministerial bodies of the State; said committees to constitute a joint body for united action in efforts to gain the ends we seek; and

2. That we confer with the Labor Bureau, and learn if it would make a special investigation of the subject of Sunday labor in the Commonwealth.

Efforts in both of these directions were carried along simultaneously, in order to get a well-founded knowledge of the real facts in the matter of Sunday toil, as *now* existing in this Commonwealth, the last investigation of the kind having been made in 1885, consultation was had with the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and its cordial co-operation was promised. Upon learning that special legislation would be required, authorizing the Bureau to gather this information, the committee prepared and introduced into the House the following bill: —

AN ACT Providing for an Investigation of Sunday Labor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The bureau of statistics of labor is hereby directed to investigate the subject of Sunday labor in this Commonwealth with respect to the number of persons employed, the conditions of employment, and other facts relating thereto.

Sect. 2. The said bureau shall incorporate the results of the investigation authorized by this act in its annual report to the legislature, and the sum of five thousand * dollars shall be paid out of the treasury for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, to be expended under the direction of the chief.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The bill was first referred by the House to the Labor Committee, and then, as it involved an expenditure of money, to the Committee on Ways and Means. Both of these committees gave us hearings and reported the bill favorably, and it promptly passed the House. Upon reaching the Senate it was referred by that body to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, which committee, without giving us a hearing, made a report to the Senate recommending that the bill be rejected. Before the time came, however, for the Senate to act upon this report, your committee waited upon some of the Committee on Ways and Means, and requested a hearing. They appeared unwilling to grant one, and it seemed to your committee as if the case had been prejudged by them *unheard*, for one of them, to our surprise, wanted to know what good a hearing would do, adding, "*I have already made up my mind.*" Other members of the Senate, however, were seen, who cheerfully allowed us to explain our bill, and the cordial reception accorded by them will be gratefully cherished by your committee. The result was that this report to

* [Changed to "three thousand" by the Senate.]

reject our bill was not accepted; but it was recommitted to the same committee, in order that we might be heard.

At the hearing which followed, the following gentlemen of the Joint-Committee appeared in support of the bill: Revs. Morgan, Farwell, Allbright (of our committee), Alexander Blackburn, H. C. Graves, Howard M. Brown, and M. D. Kneeland, and Brothers William Shaw, George W. Coleman, E. M. Overholser, and A. L. Freeman. They asked for these statistics on behalf of the nine religious denominations they were authorized to speak for, including our Catholic brethren, and also claimed that the information which the Bureau would gather would be greatly useful in determining wisely the character of future legislation required in the interests of the working people. That we were pleading our cause before an unsympathetic committee was plainly evident.

But we won the day. The Committee on Ways and Means, evidently recognizing the respectability of the large constituency that the petitioners represented, as well as the justice of their claim to have this legislation, finally reported, "Ought to pass." The bill has become a law, and the Bureau of Statistics is at work gathering the information which we await with interest. For it will show us the number of persons in the Commonwealth working for the transportation companies, as well as all other wage-earners, who are constrained, either by the necessities of their situation or the will of its managers, to work seven days in the week with few or no holidays. And, manifestly, when the facts and conditions are known, new light will be shed upon the question and we shall see what is the wisest course of procedure in obtaining one rest-day in seven for all who toil on the Sabbath.

The efforts to secure the above legislation had to be initiated before the formation of the Joint-Committee of all the denominations, by reason of the limitation in time which the Legislature had fixed for the introduction of new business. But the Joint-Committee, as soon as organized, heartily joined in efforts to secure the passage of the bill. And your committee desires especially to acknowledge the efficient help rendered by our Catholic, Baptist, Unitarian, and Free Baptist brethren.

The other object assigned to us was to secure as large a co-operation as possible from other religious bodies in the State. We are pleased to report the success attending our efforts along this line. We have secured committees from various bodies to form with our own a Joint-Committee, as follows: —

BAPTIST.

Rev. Alexander Blackburn, D. D.	Bro. Geo. W. Coleman.
" R. J. Adams, D. D.	" C. P. Jameson.
" H. C. Graves, D. D.	" D. P. Bailey.
	" E. M. Overholser.

UNIVERSALIST.

Rev. George L. Perin, D. D.	Rev. F. O. Hall.

CATHOLIC.

V. Rev. W. Byrne, V. G.

Father W. P. McQuaid.
" Francis W. Maley.
Hon. Thomas J. Gargan.
Thomas F. Ring.

FREE BAPTIST.

Rev. A. L. Gerrish.
" W. J. Twort.
Rev. George N. Howard.
Deacon O. H. Ellis.
A. L. Freeman ("Morning Star").

UNITARIAN.

Rev. E. E. Hale, D. D.
Rev. Howard M. Brown, D. D.

METHODIST.

Rev. J. D. Pickles, Ph. D.
" C. A. Crane, D. D.
Rev. L. B. Bates, D. D.
Hon. E. H. Dunn.
G. F. Washburn.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. M. D. Kneeland, D. D.
" A. K. McLennan.
" S. McNaugher.
Peter Kerr.
A. McWilliams.

EPISCOPALIAN.

Rev. John S. Lindsey, D. D.
" F. B. Allen.
Rev. Philo W. Sprague.

CONGREGATIONALIST.

Committee on Labor Organizations and Rev. E. H. Chandler and R. H. Maywood of the Young Men's Congregational Club of Boston.

NEW ENGLAND SABBATH PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

Rev. F. W. Hamilton.
" John Galbraith.
Rev. A. H. Plumb, D. D.
William Shaw.

This committee met in Pilgrim Hall on Monday, April 4, and organized by choice of Deacon James G. Buttrick, Chairman, and Rev. J. D. Pickles, Secretary. The immediate work in which they propose to engage is to awaken an interest in this subject through agitation. They wish to call attention to the hardships which continuous and unbroken toil imposes upon thousands of our brethren in this Commonwealth, and to develop a widespread sentiment to support the effort — should the committee deem it wise to make one next year — to provide by legislation one rest-day in seven for the employees of all our transportation companies. This Joint-Committee intends to reach the general public through the press whose support of our humanitarian efforts we count upon receiving. They desire to reach the religious part of our population through the pulpit.

Your own committee also wishes to utilize the Conference. To this end they suggest that this Association recommends to the several Conferences in the State that a presentation of the subject be included in the programs for their fall meetings; and that the Conferences in turn shall recommend to the pastors in their respective bodies, to preach at least one sermon before the close of the year in which they shall duly emphasize the theme.

One further thought in conclusion. It is the belief that some such agency as this Committee on Labor Organizations can in the future be made greatly useful, if intelligently guided and sufficiently constrained by the love of Christ, in removing the prejudices which, unreasonable as most of them are, exist in the minds of some of the laboring classes against the Church. It can serve this purpose by becoming a medium of communication between the Church and these people, bringing to the Church the knowledge, gained through personal contact, of their hardships and of their wrongs as far as they have wrongs, and in return conveying to them an expression of our sincere desire that the church shall become to them what the Saviour intended it ever to be, a place of refuge, of sympathy, and of help. This, with the additional thought of the relation which this committee sustains to the "Joint Committee" which it has been instrumental in bringing into existence, will probably aid you in deciding upon the wisdom of continuing some such committee another year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. BUTTRICK, *chairman*,
WM. H. ALLBRIGHT,
JESSE H. JONES, *secretary*,
} *Committee on Report.*

ADDRESS.[1]

BY REV. FRANK W. MERRICK.

Wastes in Over-organization.

Because order is Heaven's first law, it is therefore one of the first necessities. Vigorous life multiplies the forms of its activities, and its fruitfulness is the best test of its worth. The gardener never esteems his vine according to its output of branches and blossoms. Indeed, their over-abundance arouses suspicion that the life of the vine will not make itself concrete in fruit. Likewise, the machinist aims for the maximum of efficiency with the minimum of machinery. Cogs and wheels and levers multiplied beyond necessity tend to poor work, friction, and danger. In mechanics, unity and safety are directly related to simplicity. Whether we adopt the organism or the machine as the type of organized activity in the church, the vital element is indispensable. But the divine life must be organized and directed. As with the individual, so with the church, next to life, training is the chief requisite, for the church as well as the individual is a part of an order which she did not make, but found.

To-day, however, we are in danger from too much organization. In the State, this tendency takes the form of paternalism on the one hand, and on the other of parasitism, rendered possible through the multiplication of commissions and bureaus. In the school it takes the form of political domination from without, and of patchwork educational processes from within. In society, this tendency becomes concrete in needlessly multiplied social duties and conventions, until we become the slaves of the order we have made. That the church should share in the fortune and misfortune of this spirit is inevitable. The effect in the local church is doubtless modified by the type of polity to which that local church belongs. If it be a part of a highly centralized body, the difficulty is not likely to be as great, because the main lines of activity are prescribed by the central authority. However, in the exercise of individual privilege, possible in many if not all highly organized Protestant communions, a local church may multiply its secondary agencies. If so, prescribed and proved agencies may be weakened or endangered, and a spasmodic whirr of machinery end in breakage through ill-adjustment of parts, or in sudden arrest through total expenditure of motive power.

In churches having a democratic polity, the evils of over-organization are more pronounced. The independence of the local church, modified only by the principle of fellowship, — a bond often notoriously weak, — affords the best opportunity for all sorts of foolish activities planned and guided by the zealous, but restless and injudicious. Under such conditions, an intelligent, spiritual, conservative membership is invaluable.

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Over-organization in churches of the democratic polity usually takes one of two allied forms: —

(1) The multiplication of religious societies gathered about the church, agreeing with it in spirit and aim, but tending constantly to weaken the church by assuming its duties and by diverting the time and strength of members who belong to both church and society into good but distinctly non-church channels.

(2) The other evil of over-organization is in the multiplication of distinctly non-religious societies of philanthropic or otherwise benevolent intent, which seek the shelter but deny the control of the church. Do not misunderstand me. I have no word of criticism upon either of these classes of organization. Though they are seldom instituted by the church, or even invited by it to do the work assumed, they are worthy of respect for the quality and quantity of their service; but I hold that criticism may justly be made from two standpoints:

(*a*) The multiplicity of these societies tends to divert attention from the church itself as an organization.

(*b*) There is a lack of spontaneity, vigor, and power through needless complication of machinery.

What remedy, I am asked, would you propose? In brief, let the church, through its appropriate committees, do its own work, said committees acting under the direction of the church and amenable to it. No small part of the modern attitude of indifference and contempt toward the church is attributable to its irresolute and loose life as a definite force in the world, and its seeming content with its position.

In an article entitled "The Churches and Good Citizenship," Dr. Dike has shown how the churches having a democratic polity may aid good citizenship effectually, though indirectly, through "laboratory practice." If the business, it is contended, of the parish, the church, the Sunday school, the Christian Endeavor Society, and of the committees of these various organizations, were conducted as it should and can be, first-class training would be given, good business habits would be formed, — all of which are as important to one in the capacity of a church member as in the role of a citizen. "Most of the elements," says Dr. Dike, "of the questions of municipal reform are to be found in germ or in considerably advanced stages of development within many of our churches. The non-voting citizen, the multiplicity of departments, the self-constituted organization for exploiting the city, the committee transcending its powers, the bureau that insists upon being independent of civic control, the routine committee and time-serving official, the carelessly made records, the poorly kept books, the shallow treatment of public policy, the easy-going readiness to let things go as they have been going, the unwillingness to take hold of reform in earnest, are all serious municipal evils. But numerous churches have many of these evils in more or less serious degree within their own organization, and sometimes to an alarming extent."

These considerations bring us to the very heart of our subject: Wastes in over-organization. The subject is general. It has an application to

the various benevolent societies of the churches, which societies, though true to their trust, yet, in the judgment of an increasing number of thoughtful and generous people, need co-ordination. It applies to the various organizations related to the local church which are doing similar work.

1. The first waste in over-organization is the waste of effort through overlapping. This loss follows wherever societies are multiplied in the local church whose work is very akin, and also wherever certain voluntary or municipal organizations of a philanthropic kind come into conflict with religious societies having in view the same ends. When a half dozen organizations loosely related to a church do work that may properly be called benevolent, there is an immense waste of energy. Better far to federate all of them and make each separate society a committee, calling all the organizations thus related the Department of Benevolence. The advantage of small societies, each with a specific end in view, is, it is said, that various tastes and inclinations of different people can thus be gratified and utilized; but granting this advantage, is it not more than outweighed by serious disadvantages, one of which is that one large, strong society, with many related lines of action, has an *esprit de corps* that cannot be found in the small and limited society? By dividing the church into departments, each of which is composed of committees for special work, the waste from overlapping is reduced to the minimum, and the chief advantages of widely and narrowly distributed interest and effort are found combined.

Furthermore, the local church thus simply but efficiently organized may, through the appropriate committee, come into agreement with the relief work of the town, municipality, and social brotherhood. There is no good reason why the appropriate committee on poor relief of a given church might not co-operate with the Associated Charities of the large municipality. Nor is there any good reason why those appointed to visit the sick might not co-operate with the committee for the same purpose from the social brotherhood, with mutual advantage to all parties in this Good Samaritan service.

2. The second waste in over-organization is loss of interest. The common opinion is that interest in a given work is promoted somewhat in inverse proportion to the number of persons enlisted. Undoubtedly this is true of the remunerative monopoly; but it is the exact opposite of the truth in organized Christian service. A Sunday-school teacher devises a little organization for his class. It is social or literary or benevolent. During the intensely selfish period of youth, it serves its purpose. But it is too small, too narrow in spirit, too limited in aim, too individualistic to last. A reaction is likely to follow and the original interest turn to indifference or disgust. If the work related at first to some form of benevolence, such a result is a calamity.

3. The third waste in over-organization is through loss of the sense of social unity. In reality this is closely allied to the waste through loss of interest. At all hazards the sense of solidarity and the desire for co-

operation must be maintained. At this point, the over-organized church defeats itself. It thinks to arouse great interest and achieve uncommon success through its multiplied functions. The apparent gain is formal, not real. Rivalries arise between one society and another, and invidious comparisons are often made between one or more of these societies and the church as an organized body. The essential notion in the old exploded interpretation of the doctrine of state sovereignty — liberty without unity — shows itself in the church. We are told on every hand to-day that the church is losing power; that the day of decline is already here and the day of death is not distant. While we believe this a false prophecy, yet the cause of such predictions is a legitimate inquiry. One of the causes is the multiplication of societies religious and non-religious, having a distant relation to the church, if indeed they have any relaton at all to it. The church is weak and half-atrophied to-day largely because it has hitherto neglected to do its own work and is forming the habit of delegating it to various organizations which the providence of God has provided to meet our necessities. We need an immediate return to the Pauline idea of the church as the body of which Christ is the head, a body in which all the members are so related that they are members one of another, yet one body. The church will not win and keep the respect of men of the world by merely acceding to the plans which a few zealous members may devise, but fail to incorporate into the church, nor by concerning itself primarily with every possible interest except the culture of the personal Christian life.

In a contributed article in the *Outlook* for April 18, 1896, entitled "Church Centres," the directly opposite plan of organized Christian work is advocated. The church, it is said, should be the centre of every humanizing influence, and it is confidently asserted that "were this the accepted position of the churches," many outside organizations which do this work would then have no reason for existence, and multitudes of men and women would be drawn to the support of these Christian agencies connected with the churches. "Why," it is asked, "should Sunday schools not have connected with them the secular element of manual training during the week? Why should not activity in scientific charity, in sanitary measures, in everything that may promote happiness in the home, or advance the welfare of the Commonwealth, emanate from these all powerful church centres? Why should not civic clubs and good government clubs be led to hold their councils in the churches?" Why not, indeed, where the exceptional conditions require it? But when these exceptional conditions do not prevail, why should these organization-burs stick to the church? In unnumbered towns through our own and other States no such all-inclusive plans are feasible. To force such efforts would be to invite defeat with its after chagrin. The reasons for this certain defeat are many. One of them is the already over-organized church field. A half-dozen struggling sects in altogether too many localities are singing about once a month in these days,

> "We are not divided,
> All one body we."

The grim humor of the situation is apparent to none save sane saints and sane sinners. In other words, it is seriously proposed to cure some of the evils of over-organization by still further multiplying societies, especially of the non-religious type. This is, in religion and philanthropy, an allopathic application of the homœopathic principle, "like cures like," but in this instance, the method is too eclectic to warrant expectation of success.

4. The fourth waste in over-organization is through tempting willing workers into more activities than their time, strength, and ability warant.

The theory of the extreme advocates of organization is that by their plan everyone can be useful somewhere. The possibility of a wide range of choice in activities increases interest and enthusiasm, and develops specialists. This is both interesting and formally true, but generally the theory is denied in practice. Theories as to way sand means in organized life must be tested, not by *a priori* reasoning, but by experience. Among some of our honored institutional churches, the theory may have proved true, but these churches, as a class, are exceptional, as the conditions that demand them are exceptional.

Witness the graves of your dead societies that have been made in your own ecclesiastical God's-acre, where rest the forms of the organizations half related or wholly unrelated to your church, the good they have done forgotten and "interred with their bones." Witness the number of organizations in your church now that are gasping for breath and showing other signs of departing life. Have these vagrant societies won the applause, affection, and service of the world, and brought into line half-alive Christians more difficult than the world to enlist in the service of Christ? Have not these organizations overworked the "remnant in Israel," and wasted that remnant's energies so that they could not make themselves really effective anywhere?

We need enough organization to embody the spiritual life of the church, but we shall not increase that spiritual life by tacking on more machinery. Power from on high is the first necessity. It will invariably express itself, not in nervous, individualistic effort, but through the inclusive fellowship of believers in adequately organized Christian worship and life.

ADDRESS.[1]

REV. CHARLES L. NOYES.

The Church Redeeming Her Organization — The New Motive Forces.

The church finds the motive forces which are to redeem her machinery in a new appreciation of her work and her method. These are divinely prescribed to her in terms she can no longer mistake or evade. The way and will of God have had in our day a marvellous disclosure. That theory of nature, already more than a theory, a habit and attitude of mind and feeling which perceives all things in closely knit relations, finds them related in order, progress, growth, and sees them unified as the successive, gradual manifestations of one immanent force and life, has transformed thought and activity in every region and range of human life. But its aim is not reached until it touches the special, conscious organ of God in the world, his church. Its full message is spoken in the ear of faith. It is less a discovery for science than for religion. It is an event in the history of the kingdom of God comparable in light and force only to the Advent. Evolution deeply read is a revelation of *the universal presence* of God and *the uniform process* of his work. Without hesitation, therefore, the church finds the sphere of her work in the region of the divine operation, and the way of her work in the model of the invariable divine procedure.

I. "The world is the field of redemption," for God is in it, at work in every force, expressed in every feature. For us, then, who find in Christ our moral and spiritual definition of God, the world is, in the words of Tetullian, "naturally Christian." The life of God, which reached its fullest expression in Christ, is present and active in every part of it, harmonizing it, educing from it reason and morality. Beginning with first traces, far back in the origin of things, it tends ever to fuller expression — each range of being, we may say, being full of the divine up to its saturation point.

> Earth's crammed with heaven,
> And every common bush afire with God.

Hence, man as man, whatever his aberrations, is the organ of this Christ life, and all human institutions are built up by it and for it. It is God's world — Christ's world; no achievement of his redemptive work which has not its foundation stones deep laid in the very properties and relations of matter, no perfected beauty of Christian feeling which has not its first faint prophecy in the hidden affinities of cell and atom. The personal and social ideal of Christ for the human race is that to which it has been working up from the beginning. We trace the course of nature and his-

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tory as moving under the divine impulse, and on many different lines converging toward the realization of life according to the mind of Christ. Every phase of our modern life falls into place as a factor in the fulfilment of the relation of mutual love and service which we name Christian. Contiguity of dwelling, the expansion of population, the growing needs which must be supplied by commercial intercourse, the rapid circulation of ideas, are powerfully drawing the race together; and the sense of fellowship which is thus engendered, and a common body of moral sentiments, seem preparing the advent of a more organic unity and brotherly relation among men. On every side cordial allies of the church arise and vie with her in the redemptive work which she had thought peculiarly her own. Happy homes, faithful work, honest trade, wholesome food, healthful dwellings, cheerful school-rooms, beautiful parks, beneficent government, public-spirited citizens, public libraries, good books, beautiful pictures, music for the people, public baths, vigorous exercise, wholesome amusements, — all these, and the like, more or less consciously, are building up under our very eyes, in solid reality, that vision of a redeemed humanity in a redeemed world for which the Christian heart waits.

No longer do we think of forbidding them because they follow not with us; too evidently "they are on our part," fellow servants in the great, busy household of Christ, which this present world is. His business is being done here; these are His workers; all this material and social apparatus His machinery; here is the focus of His interest, the scene and sphere of His progressive triumph. If the church would find Him she must seek Him not in the skies, but down here on the brown, green earth. If she flees out of it as from a city of destruction, her Lord meets her as he did Peter in the beautiful old legend, and to her "*Domine, quo vadis?*" replies, "I go to my world and to my people, to be at work in your place."

Yes, it is nothing less than desertion and disloyalty to part with earth for heaven, or disparage and disown any of the interests and energies of the various and wondrous world of human life. That old prophetic word from paganism, which, christened with fuller meaning, we may not irreverently put in the mouth of Christ, the church too is repeating: "*Homo sum, humani nihil a me alienum puto.*" Even before she comes to this new attitude and feeling by cogent inference from her new discovery of the living presence and Christian purpose of God everywhere in his world, insensibly she yields to the charm and attraction of Christward forces working all about her. They are kindred and friendly; they reach out hands at once pleading and helpful. They seem to say, we are with you, and we want you. They are witnesses and allies for her gospel. They open to her a varied and effective calling. They rally under her standard and await from her the divine touch of power that shall release and apply their latent energies.

The church discovers, both to chasten her pride of privilege, and to inspirit her with the sense of multiplied power and honor, that she is not alone in or against the world. Neither in pride nor in despair can she say, "I, even I only." She is not the solitary champion of Christ in an

alien world, but the leader of his host. If I may seek a metaphor up to date from that feature of our naval strength which gives us highest assurance of supremacy on the sea, she manœuvres in squadron, but as the flagship, in the van, giving the word of command, bearing the secret orders, leading, informing, inspiring the whole fleet.

Or, to borrow a closer analogy, the church learns that she is not the body. "She is one organ in it, but the most central and important of them all, having much the same relation to the total kingdom of God that the brain has to the body. A body without a brain is a helpless instrument of the mind. The life and health of the brain are found in dependence on and ministry to the whole body." So is the church related to all the other forces in human society; she cannot live apart from them; they cannot perfect their service apart from her. She finds her meaning and justification in what she does to vitalize and spiritualize business, and politics, and charity, and literature, and education, and every other interest of society. She is not to usurp or encroach on their domain, but hallow and invigorate their labors, by revealing their divine aim and destiny, and inspiring them with a noble and holy motive.

The church's recognition of the divine mission of all agencies which serve the welfare of man will not dispense with her or reduce her to identity or level with them. She gains, indeed, a supremacy and authority such as she has never known before, and a distinct, exalted function, which should absorb all her energies and summon all her ardors. The more we recognize the Christian possibilities deep in the constitution of nature and society, the more sacred and imperative is the peculiar privilege of the church to make them actual. It is but the promise and potency of a Christlike world which she finds in the forces and movements about her. The social order seems indeed not far from the kingdom of God. Political, industrial, social arrangements seem trembling on the verge of realizing the Christian state. The world is being shaped, as Bushnell would say, into a "fact form" of the gospel. The mechanism of society is writing in material symbols the formula of the Christian spirit and principle. But the factors of human society are not material and mechanical; they are vital and spiritual. Christianity of mere form and relation but points out with new vividness and urgency the lack of the living spirit and energy. Our social and industrial conditions, which in their outer aspect seem prophetic of Christ, a true *Preparatio evangelica*, judged by spirit and results, often appear terribly unchristian. Poverty, and wrong, and pain, and cruelty and hatred remain. The world of labor and of life is still to be conformed to Christ by the renewing of its mind. Altruism of relation must be infused with unselfishness of soul; solidarity of interests be warmed and quickened by Christian love. The figure of clay, shaped by the plastic touch of natural forces, awaits through the lips of the church the breath of life, that it may become a living soul.

She is to proclaim how the Christian principle of love, working in all associations, will operate to enrich the world and benefit and bless society when they are brought fully under its dominion. She will realize her

ideal by embodying it first in her membership, and sending forth Christian men and women to communicate it to the rest, and by their activity and example — through schools, through Christian families, through uprightness in professions, through a noble self-abnegation in political life, through unselfish devotion to the pursuit of knowledge and art, through a thousand channels in which the Christian spirit can work — to embue all human relations with the quality of Christ's self-renouncing love, and change the world into the kingdom of God.

How vast, various, and immediate the work that awaits the church, and what new incentives and ardors awaken to provide motive forces that are to redeem and remodel her organization.

II. But the new motive forces come to the church not only from a new understanding of her mission, but a clear command as to her method.

The fact that God in Christ is in and at work in the world, which locates and defines the work of the church, also reveals her divinely ordered way of working. She must do God's work in the world after the manner of His own working, and all the world in all its parts, all stages of its history, and ranks of being tells clearly one undeviating story of the divine process. It is the method of growth, of steady, progressive development. This is a constant fact, and therefore a divine truth. It amounts to a new insight into the nature of things and the nature of God. He does everything in that way, and nothing can be done for him but in that way. The church is not exempt from this law. She must submit. There are for her no magic results, no instantaneous effects, no finalities.

1. She is herself but in process. Her faith and ideal are ever forming, never fixed and finished; ever an aspiration, not a full possession. She serves a race likewise midway in the ascent of truth and virtue. She must guide it onwards into new ideas and ideals. She has not merely to point to a standard fixed in the past, or repeat a message heard once for all, she must discover and lead to new heights. The combined moral sensibilities and aspirations of the living church, the signs of the times, the duties of the hour, the light from science and history and criticism, and comparative religion, are surely changing the type of Christian which enlarging moral sense tolerates, advancing our moral standards and ideals, demanding a new code for scholar, politician, merchant. "New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth." The imperative word of virtue was diligence or integrity or honesty; now it is service. The spirit approved has moved on from uprightness to altruism.

How open-minded, sensitive, studious, meditating, searching, exploring, must the church be, how versatile in faculty, swift to hear, apt to teach, prompt to act, fit to help! and how can she be all this without system, method, organization, to find and apply each in its proper place her resources and talents?

2. A second application of the method of growth the church has to make in that which is her prime office,— the culture of Christian character. It takes a lifetime to make a Christian. No one event, however critical or convulsive, can do it. The superiority of nurture to revival we had

heard from that prophetic teacher Bushnell, we were gathering it from this or that analogy, or being taught it by dear experience; now we are swept into conviction of it by the overwhelming evidence of growth as the unvarying divine method everywhere. We cannot, then, begin with life too young, keep at work too constantly, or continue too late. The discipline of Christian character must last from the cradle to the grave. The whole art for childhood is yet to be learned by the church. We are just beginning to see that the history of the race repeats itself in the single life. The child has his mythopæic and legendary era, his phase of animism and fetichism. All the childish wonder, fancy, awe, love of beauty, have yet to be utilized as it was in the divine kindergarten of early Israel. We must begin concretely, objectively, sensuously. Let our theology "empty itself" and "take the form of a servant"; practise economy of revelation as God did, and "suffer the little children to come to him" as they can.

Meantime we have to make the culture of temper, motive, unselfishness, service, accompany the growing sense of right, the insight of the divine. What a labor is this, remunerative and delightful to the last degree, but as delicate and difficult. Doubtless the larger part of this is best done in the home. But parents need help. They must look to the church for impulse and ideal, and, more than that, for co-operation and model, which the church must provide through something of apparatus and organization.

When we come to later ages, how important it is to liberalize as well as intensify; to deepen the faith and kindle the zeal even while we enlarge the soul; to open the minds of people to the word of God from all sources, to Godward movements in all arts and among all peoples; and while in the midst of doing this to find scope and opportunity for the practice of Christian sentiment. The material is so boundless, the call so urgent, the fields so various, who is sufficient for these things?

The churches are not, but the church is. The resources and talents of the church are adequate for the labor laid upon her, but only when the total resources and talents of the entire church are found, and organized and applied. There is no urgency for organization in the new motive forces surging into the church like that.

Economy by specialization is the order of the day. Division of labor attained through consolidation is perhaps the most productive economic principle. No one artisan now manufactures an entire article. Each using machinery makes in higher perfection and at cheaper cost his single part. The peg in your shoe, the pivot in your watch, is the product of the skilled hand trained to that one labor. The school children of our towns are gathered at the centre and grouped and graded, under expert instruction. Industries, charities, reformatories, consolidate and classify. The forces which scattered in county prisons and almshouses do their work badly, combined under state supervision are able to classify and grade, changing demoralizing places of detention into homes of redemption and reformation. Only the church stands dumb and stolid, belated

and obstinate, unable to combine, broken into a myriad powerless fragments, disabled by "the deep damnation" of individualism, — each church for itself, losing its life while struggling to save it. Until in her working creed the church repeats daily the article, "I believe in the holy *Catholic* church," she will never see the kingdom of God. Each church exhausting its energies in the desperate effort for self-preservation must go on as now, content with the prayer, "Give us our daily bread," unable to rise to the larger petition, "Thy kingdom come." But the zeal and yearning and hope for that kingdom here on earth is just the new motive force moving in the world and in the church, and destined, please God, to redeem organization, — in one way by organizing not in selfish seclusion, but for united ministry.

Suppose we were to do this in any district or city, even so far as to get our Congregational churches, combining their gifts and powers in work, together, then what no one could do alone they could do in union. What an extension it would give to the capacities and services of the clergy. No man can be a specialist on every subject. Some few ministers come within a miss of it. Yet scarcely any one of us but what has special knowledge and special gifts in some line. Here and there some thoroughly educative, inspiring piece of work, is done, and all spent within the walls of one half-filled meeting house. There was a force for progress, for culture, which belonged to the whole church, and which ought to have gone out on its ministry perhaps through the sisterhood of neighboring churches. If only they recognized that they were parts of a whole, and their ministers the faculty of religion in their town, then to each man, according to his measure of grace, might be assigned a field, or a form of work, or to each a topic in a series on kindred themes, and by a system of exchanges the whole constituency would be benefited by each contribution, and every man could feel that that whole town or region was his parish, and that in it he was not the minister of a church, but a minister of the church.

Or think of what might be accomplished for the training of the laity in their function, say of teaching! If for nothing else the churches adjacent should combine for normal classes so accredited, so equipped, so valuable to the teacher that he could not afford to lose it. The religious culture of very little children needs apparatus and expert ability. Many churches cannot furnish this at all, few can do it well, but together they might join their forces and their means in one Sunday-school kindergarten which would serve them all.

Again there is the higher musical and hymnological culture of congregations lying untouched, beyond the capacity, often beyond care or interest, of any single church. It is easy to see how a group, with agreement upon one book for their common use, one worthy type of tunes and noble hymns, classes for practice, and great gatherings for choral singing, might educate the devout taste and musical sense, of the whole community, purge the sanctuary of the unclean thing, and regenerate the musical part of our worship. These are but examples; the possibilities of

co-operation in teaching, testimony, service, charity, and the cure of souls are unlimited. The redeeming impulse of the new motive forces which touch organization everywhere press most urgently toward the realization of Christian unity through some form of organization.

Looking at the church actual and visible, often the heart droops. In her methods and even her aim, she is groping, stumbling, faulty, and futile. But when we turn to the new motive forces, — hear the new calls to service, manifold, real, and productive; find again to-day the assurance, "Lo, I am with you alway," in the manifest presence of the Lord working with us in a multitude of co-operative forces; see clearly our method in the plan approved and employed by God from the foundation of the world: we are tempted to be reckless optimists. The new life must find new embodiment. The new motive forces will remodel, revitalize, and, therefore, redeem the machinery of the church.

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Are the Present Standards of Ministerial Qualification Adequate?

I state the question to you precisely as it was propounded to me. It has been so much discussed of late, that were it merely an academic question I should think it quite too threadbare for obtrusion here. But there are certain vital elements in it that serve to keep its interest alive, however much it may be bandied about from Congregational Club to Association, and from Association to General Conference. It relates to those standards which we set up to determine the fitness of men to serve their fellow men in the high capacity of religious leaders. These standards have to take into account the indefinable qualities of personality; the mysterious nature of human influence; the subtle but irresistible power of character, even when character seems almost bare of grace or adornment.

Furthermore, all standards whereby we are to measure the efficiency of a *man* must be set up with a full consciousness of God's ability to do his work by means of imperfect instruments; nay, of the necessity under which He finds himself, humanly speaking, of working with imperfect instruments if anything is ever to be accomplished in this world. And we must be prepared too, after we have done our best to measure men, to see ourselves once and again contradicted by the genius on the one hand, and put to confusion by the fool upon the other.

It becomes very evident, then, that such a question as this does not admit of a categorical answer. We cannot say yes or no, and so have done with it. We are forced to the admission that precisely the same standards applied to two equally well qualified men may conceivably lead us to a just conclusion in the one case, while they hopelessly befog us in another.

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But that is no reason why we should abandon standards for the measurement of the fitness of men for service in the ministry; it is only another way of saying that no standards can be devised which will not require conscientious discrimination in their use.

Now this being all admitted, if any one should come before this reverend body and ask us to define the present standards of ministerial qualification in the Congregational churches, what should we say? What requirements beyond a common school education, a decent reputation for purity and honesty, and something that can be made to represent a call to preach, do we as churches and representatives of churches require of the youth who offers himself for licensure or ordination? To be sure some associations and some councils demand far more than this, and are even stiff-kneed enough to make it a condition of acceptance, but what does this amount to if, while these particular doors are guarded, others stand wide open? And are we not forced to admit further, that even in those bodies where genuine qualification is required, the application of the test too often depends upon the presence or absence of some half dozen members? The only searching inquisition which is likely to be made in the case of the ordinary candidate for license or ordination generally relates to his opinions, in very many cases callow and half formed opinions, with reference to those questions of doctrine that are most in dispute among the brethren themselves. All this is so perfectly well known, and has been the subject of such frequent comment, that I pass it by with this casual reference.

Permit me now to remind you that this general laxity in respect of ministerial training seems to have grown upon us as the requirements which most occupations make upon those who propose to enter upon them have become more exacting. The lawyer who means to be something better than a pettifogger, and the medical student who looks forward to something higher than quackery, both find tremendous demands made upon them in the way of preparation. Their courses in law and medical school are creeping up from three to four and five years. The Worcester Polytechnic Institute, for instance, fitting young men for mechanical and scientific pursuits, has felt itself under obligation to make a similar increase in the scope of its curriculum. Many of its students come from homes where great sacrifice is demanded in order to provide the means of an education. They are looking forward to occupations in which, if anywhere, it would seem advisable that they shorten their course of theoretical training and begin, as the Gradgrinds are fond of saying, "to do something practical." England has tended to go upon this latter theory. Germany has emphasized the worth of the school. And to-day England is anxious because the trained men who have come out of the German technical schools threaten to wrest her industrial leadership away.

Now, what has been the tendency with respect to training for the ministry? Dr. Williston Walker, in his luminous address before the Congregational Club in Boston, something more than a year ago, stated that in 1760, of the two hundred and fifty-eight Congregational ministers of Massa-

chusetts only eleven had not been in college. At the same time there were one hundred and sixty-one pastors in Connecticut who were all college men but two, thirty-nine in New Hampshire and ten in Rhode Island, with but one man in each colony who lacked college training. To sum it all up in Dr. Walker's own words, "less than five per cent of all the Congregational ministry of 1760 had missed the adequate training of the period in preparation for their office." ("Are Our Seminaries Maintaining the Quality of our Ministry?" By Prof. Williston Walker, page 5.)

Let us come down three quarters of a century and note the change. From 1875 to 1896 the deaths of 1,856 Congregational ministers were recorded. Their average term of service had been thirty-seven years, which would cause the dates of the beginning of their ministry to fall within the twenty-one years from 1838 to 1859. (I am pursuing Dr. Walker's statistical method here, but the figures are compiled afresh from the Year Book and brought down to the latest date.) Of these 1,856 men, 1,328 had enjoyed the advantages of a college course, while 528, or about twenty-eight per cent, had not. The figures respecting a seminary course almost exactly duplicate these, as 1,323 had studied in a theological seminary, while 533 had not.

To come down still further. The total number of students enrolled in our seminaries according to the last Year Book was 486, of whom 270 were college graduates, 38 had had a partial course, while 178 had not been in college at all. According to the same Year Book, there were, in 1896, 183 ordinations, while the seniors in the seminaries who may be taken to represent the average number of recruits which these institutions supply to the ranks of the ministry numbered 124. During the same year 122 ministers died, and the net gain in the number of Congregational churches was 64.

Now I have no time, nor is such a place as this the proper one, for the elaborate discussion of these statistics. They indicate, however, several very significant facts. In the first place it is perfectly evident that, as compared with a century ago, the churches lay comparatively little emphasis upon the best attainable training as a requisite for the pastoral office. In the second place, they indicate that in view of the disproportion between the increase in the ranks of the ministry from the seminaries, and the net increase in the number of churches, there is at least an apparent demand for men from other sources than the ordinarily recognized one, and an apparent excuse for the ordination of men with scanty academic training for the pastorates of the smaller churches.

And still further, these figures seem to indicate that a very considerable number of good men in our communion have been convinced that fitness for the ministry of the word is a variable thing. "If there are many churches and few students let us cut down our courses, let us lessen our requirements, let us welcome the man to ordination to-day whom we judged unfit yesterday," these men seem to say. "If there are churches there must be ministers; and if there are not trained men who desire to be ordained, let us license and ordain untrained ones."

I venture to maintain, brethren, that there is a tremendous *non sequitur* involved in such argument as that. When the number of churches seems to be distancing the number of men in process of training for their ministry, we are not at liberty to license or to ordain untrained men, or even to let down the standards of our training. It is not enough that a man who presents himself to association or to council should be proved to be amiable and pious; it is not enough that he have, in ever so high degree, the gift of exhortation. It is not enough that he have zeal unless he have something more than zeal. It was a trenchant saying of John Morley's, that "It is easier to have zeal than morals." Now, every calling has its ethic. No man has a right to practise medicine simply because he loves to see people enjoying good health, has always enjoyed good health himself, and is anxious to begin at once the blessed work of healing. We feel perfectly justified in saying to such a man, "You have three great requisites for the calling that you propose to follow; but you must add training to them."

So when a man comes to us saying, "I love God with all my heart, and I want, at once, to proclaim His blessed gospel to men as an ordained Christian minister," we have a perfect right to reply to him, "You do well to love God with all your heart, but are you willing to love Him with your mind as well, and to undergo the training that shall fit you for the long years, not of exhorting merely, but of teaching in His name"? I say we have a right to ask this; nay, more, we are under distinct obligation to demand it. Over and above his character, we have a right to demand a will to study and some capacity to teach. There is great suggestion in the old saying of St. Francis de Sales, that "The knowledge of the priest is the eighth sacrament of the church"; and Dr. Munger gave a rational Congregational interpretation to the truth of it when he said, many years ago, that the true minister will be at once a student and a teacher. "He need not be a learned man, but he must study; he need not be a great teacher, but he must teach." (Parish Problems, page 169.)

Now the time has come when the church must rehabilitate the teaching function of her ministry if she is to do her work in the world. And she must recognize, as a preliminary necessity, that if she is to have teachers she must train them. This does not, of course, mean that every minister is to receive a college education, or spend three years at a theological seminary. But it does mean that he should somewhere undergo strenuous mental and moral discipline which shall be the equivalent of the discipline afforded by a college and seminary course before he is ordained to the ministry. Associations and councils ought to let it be understood that this is expected and will be required, and that whatever exception may be made in view of the wholly exceptional man, the average man of two talents must give satisfactory proof that he appreciates the moral obligation laid upon every minister to discipline and train himself for his work. I know that now and then some good man rises in his place to say that the first thing he did when he left the seminary was to unload all that he ever got there. If he did that, it only shows how utterly he miscon-

ceived the seminary's purpose. No seminary that is at all true to its function ever aims to give a man his theology, his pastoral methods, his homiletic material, or his interpretation of scripture, ready made. What the teachers teach there is only half of what the man is expected to learn; and that half he is supposed to digest and assimilate before he can call it his own. Some men are born fools, some men achieve folly, and some have folly thrust upon them. The first class only have their foolishness confirmed by all that college and seminary do for them; they are not susceptible of training; that is wherein their folly consists. But of the second and third classes you may make very effective men if you catch them in time. It is for them that academic training is devised. There they are under trained men; they are polished into effective shape by the constant attrition of their fellows, themselves under process of training. They acquire poise, balance, the power to discriminate, the faculty of concentration. If the genius of the place does its perfect work in them they become spiritually and intellectually humble, as they realize how great the heritage is and how little they can possibly appropriate as individual heirs. They go away after a time to do their own work in their own way. They are not wise men, it may be, but if they have improved their opportunities they have learned something of the *method of wisdom*. Their feet have been set in the way of spiritual and intellectual competence. Unless they grow lazy and unfaithful there is no reason at all why they should be starved out of their denomination or of their pulpits in three or four years, for lack of material wherewith to maintain themselves. It is training, — the training of patient and painful toil in the light of a consecrated purpose, that puts a man in possession of an unfailing spiritual and intellectual income, wherewith to meet the perpetual outgo of the preacher's life; it is that which enables him to keep a little balance on the credit side of his account, and gradually to acquire influence, so that as long as he lives and does his work in a community, he remains a power there, whether his tongue have Aaron's glibness or Moses' stammer.

Now this requires time. It is a process of nature as well as of grace, and like many of the processes of nature it cannot be forced or abbreviated without disastrous results. What shall we do then? Shall we say to the man who has a strong desire to preach, and not a little manifest ability to preach, and who has proved by experience his possession of those indefinable qualities that make a man a leader, "You cannot enter the ministry. That is a caste not to be attained except by the man who starts in the preparatory school and climbs up the various academic grades to his bachelorship of Divinity"? God forbid that we should ever say that! If the time ever comes when we make the ministry a close corporation of that sort, prophets will rise on every hand to rebuke us, as John rebuked the Scribes and Pharisees of his day. But we must demand training of mind, heart, and practical faculty. We must demand a training approximately equivalent in quality, if not in precise quantity, to the training furnished by our colleges and seminaries. And when a man comes to us for licensure and for

ordination, one of the very first tests we ought to apply to determine the reality of the call in answer to which he claims to present himself should be the question, "Are you willing not merely to read as you have opportunity during the next few years, but to apply yourself to study, grave and serious study, under the direction of competent men? Are you willing to undergo that training which the ethic of ministerial service to-day demands? And until that training shall be measurably complete, are you willing to engage not to thrust yourself forward for ordination even though you may be able to pack a council skilfully enough to obtain it?" I have known one or two cases lately where men have presented themselves to faithful and conscientious associations or councils who have adjudged them inadequately prepared for the work of the ministry. What have they done; taken offence? Said that the ministers were a company of Pharisees bent on maintaining a sort of religious aristocracy, and out of whose company Peter and Paul would have been straightway cast? Not at all. Like wise and consecrated men they have bowed to the kindly judgment of their fellows, and given one of the highest proofs of the genuineness of their call into the gospel ministry by putting themselves in the way of training in a seminary. But I fear they represent a small minority. The rule is rather that a well-meaning young man, who has, perhaps, showed some knack for religious leadership, some gift for pious speech in a small community, and who finds that it would be convenient to be licensed or ordained, presents himself to an association or council. Some brother vouches for him. No one else knows him except by hearsay. His training is pitifully meagre. A very desultory and unsystematic examination shows that. But one of two things happens. His request is incontinently granted because men have not the moral courage or the good sense to say no. Or else, when he is urged to postpone his application until he shall have fitted himself to make it with a better grace, he condescendingly reminds the brethren that he has no notion of entering the ranks of the theological students, and that if they do not license or ordain him, he knows others who will. And he generally finds others who do.

My time has expired. I have rigidly adhered in this paper to a statement of a case; to the answer of a question. I have striven to point out the need of training to the minister, and to indicate the present conditions governing the demand or lack of demand for it. I have not dealt with the proposed short cuts to the ministry simply because, if my main contention stands, that question will be properly dealt with by councils and associations. So far as the short courses fit men for preliminary service, their work will be welcomed; so far as they fall short of the true requirement for ministerial service they will, if we do our duty, be supplemented.

As I close, will you bear with a few practical suggestions even though they transcend the rigid bounds of my theme.

1. We need to remember that every effective denomination will find place for the lay worker, and sometimes for the lay preacher who may very likely be on his way into the ministry. In our denomination he is

pretty sure to want licensure and ordination before he is properly prepared. Such a man ought to be recognized if there seems to be promise in him, and held to strict account by the proper body until he is prepared; and that time ought not to be hastened by a single day because of his hunger for personal recognition as a minister, or because the little company among whom he may labor as a layman finds it convenient that he should perform the function of a minister.

2. Every association ought to have adequate rules governing the issue of licenses, to which it conscientiously adheres. It ought to have a competent examining committee who shall make careful inquiry into the qualifications of every candidate who presents himself, and who shall see that the examinations to which candidates are subjected are adequate.

3. Under no conditions should a candidate be licensed by an association or ordained by a council who has been refused licensure or ordination by another duly qualified body, until full and free conference with such body has been obtained, and it is evident that the reasons for such refusal were originally inadequate or else no longer exist.

4. It ought to be remembered that putting a candidate off on the ground of insufficient training, and doing all that can be done to put adequate training in his way, is as far as possible from muzzling a mouth through which God would speak. It is simply doing the greatest possible favor to the man, and fulfilling a very sacred duty to God.

5. Whatever remedy is to be applied to the present condition of things must be radical enough to reach the ideals of the ministry which obtain among the churches and among ministers themselves. The Ministry of the Word is still a sacred calling. No hard and fast rules can be laid down that will absolutely determine a man's fitness to exercise it. But of one thing we may be quite sure. Ignorance fits a man for nothing.

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The Church Redeeming its Membership by making Specific the Latent Powers of the Average Member.

Our only sufficient reason for considering the church as a redemptive agency is that you and I, layman and minister, in our place, are the church. A question which concerns the church concerns us; we cannot, if we would, relegate it to Plato's realm of abstraction.

How is the church to redeem its membership? we may state as, How shall the individual members of the church redeem themselves? How may the latent power of the average member of the church be converted into the form of specific activity? we may also state as, How may I, an individual member of the church, realize my divinely ordained self. President Hyde has well said that, "Whoever has a worthy conception of God

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and the divine life must do something about it." It is a maxim of psychology that all mental states are followed by activity of some sort. In another world it may be possible that a quiescent life will be attainable. In this world, passive goodness is a contradiction of terms. Goodness, virtue, love, are active, even aggressive, or they are not Christian.

We organize ourselves into a church not only that we may establish a training school for the kingdom, but that we may enter upon the inheritance, so far as we are faithful, of a certain portion of that kingdom. Certain conditions which characterize the ideal kingdom must also characterize the practical church. "One is your Master, even Christ," "All ye are brethren,"— the legal code is summed up in the one word "love,"— in kingdom or in church. We mark this difference, however, between the kingdom and the church. In the kingdom which is to come, the power of the Christ is so manifest by every subject that the object of the kingdom is attained. In the church which now is, the power of the Christ is indeed granted, but through our imperfect apprehension of our relationship to that power is compelled to so struggle for emergence as to give but a vague conception to the world of its character and effectiveness.

In the kingdom there is no waste of power. All energy is specific. In the church there is constant waste. The power of the average member is too often almost entirely latent.

Had we lived but a few cycles ago in this region, now fresh and beautiful as the garden of the Lord, we could have gained no conception such as we possess now of the transforming and vivifying influence of the sun. It is true the sun then shone but shone in an age of ice. No growth or beauty such as the world had known before and has known since was possible until the latent forces of the great glaciers had been overcome. In the same way may we not say, the church seems to-day to be passing through her glacial period. She has had her age of upheaval, her schisms and controversies; she has been shaped by her fiery age of persecution. Now all is tranquil, not with the tranquillity of death, and herein is our hope, for the glacier is not the symbol of death, but rather of imprisoned power.

There is an eternal truth in the recent words of George Adams Smith concerning the times of Zephaniah. "The great causes of God and humanity are not defeated by the hot assaults of the devil, but by the slow, crushing, glacier-like mass of thousands and thousands of indifferent nobodies. God's causes are never destroyed by being blown up, but by being sat upon. It is not the violent and anarchical whom we have to fear in the war for human progress, but the slow, the staid and the respectable." And yet when "the slow, the staid, the respectable," are once aroused, when a Cromwell leads them forth to battle, what fighters they become! How the scoffs of the opposing cavaliers are changed to cries for quarter! Within the glacier is Titanic power, a power which keeps it a glacier and only yields to the sun slowly and reluctantly. Within the church of God to-day there is power enough to reshape human society, to institute a

juster government, to bring down to the solid foundations of earth the Holy City, which, during these centuries. like Mahomet's c offin, has been hovering between earth and heaven. There is enough power only it is misapplied power directed to the end of self-preservation; power which as latent may be an obstacle in the way of the divine will instead of an instrument by means of which the divine ideal shall be realized.

We can only gain a just apprehension of the specific power of the average member of the church as we try to estimate his latent possibilities.

Intellectually he has not received an ideal training in the truth of religion and of scripture. He has heard a great deal about the higher criticism without knowing much of that with which this criticism deals. Asked to define his intellectual position, too often he is ready to haul down his colors without firing a gun, — yet he has found it impossible to live without coming into contact with the spirit of the age. The great poets whom he studies are many times truer teachers of theology and divine philosophy than the doctors of divinity who instructed his ministers in their seminary. The histories which he reads are dominated by the scientific method. A Drummond and a Kidd have familiarized him with the ideas of evolution. Whether college trained or not, in spite of the fact that he seems to suffer in comparison with his parents as his definite knowledge of sacred things is considered, — he has within him latent intellectual possibilities which, rightly developed, will enable him to maintain the honor of his faith with an intelligence and a sweet reasonableness which could not be attained by his fathers.

Emotionally the average member seems also to suffer when he is compared with those who have gone before. He knows but little of a long continued and oppressive sense of guilt. He does not, like the woman of whom President Edwards tells, shed tears because of his sense of blame for sharing in Adam's sin. He has had other Sunday reading besides Pilgrim's Progress: yet his sympathy and his sensibility have a breadth and a fineness which we cannot overlook. The appeal of the suffering and of the unfortunate never fell upon ears more responsive than to-day. The university settlement represents the sensibility of the average church member whom we rarely see, possibly, in our prayer-meeting. The hospital has attained to its present magnificent proportions and gracious influence as it has made its appeal to men and women who have seemed to some critics to have but little feeling upon religious questions. The sensibilities have a closer connection with the life. A directer road is opened to the conscience than ever before.

And not only is there an immeasurable, latent, intellectual, and emotional power in the average member of the church, it is also true that the possibilities disclosed in his character, that part of the man which is shaped by his will, are practically limitless. Who of you ever entered the home of honest poverty and toil — beheld the heroism of the struggle, the willingness to suffer and die for dear ones — and did not feel ashamed of an easy-going life? There is as much real heroism in the life of the average toiler in our church, unconscious though it be, as there is in the life of

the missionary who represents us at the front. Who can tell what it cost that retiring member of the church to meet all of his business obligations? Who can estimate the strength of will which that manufacturer disclosed when for the sake of the hundreds of families depending upon him he planned to keep his factory open in a time of financial depression? As I have come closer to some of my friends in their every-day life, and they have shown me something of the struggle in which they are engaged, I have found enough power put forth by them to convert a world. A minister who will complain of his burden after such a conference with one of his busiest friends is out of place in the ministry.

How shall this latent energy of the average member become specific? We are driven for our answer back to the most fundamental Christian truth. Latent energy is transformed as its possessor consciously strives to enter into the divine thought for him and co-operate with the divine spirit. The latent power of intellect, sensibility, and will is to be given a different direction as through obedience it becomes divine. The specific power of a Christian is God's power, just as the beauties of the blossom-crowned tree exhibits God's workmanship, wrought by means of the forces within the tree. In the work of creation which is now going on, mineral, plant, and animal, forces of sea and land, all have their part in the evolution of a more perfect world and a higher type of animal life; yet in all of this evolution there is no consciousness of the goal of creation outside the will of Deity. In the creation of man, which is also still going on, and which we may believe is but in its beginning, and in the establishment of the divine kingdom, the creative power of God is revealed as more forceful than when operating in the lower realm, and yet is subjected for the first time to the most decided restrictions. The power of God must be comparatively inactive and ineffective in any life in this higher creation, unless that life consciously receives it, apprehends its purpose, and with all of its energy endeavors to transmit it. In the disciples gathered in a humble dwelling in Jerusalem there are the germs of the glorious company of the apostles, but these germs only develop as they receive the promised baptism of the Holy Spirit. The world cared nothing for them as mere men; the world was full of men who were not only their equals but their superiors in all their latent possibilities, yet when they are endowed with the Holy Spirit the multitudes throng about them, crying in response to their message, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Latent energy is unbaptized, unconsecrated energy, the seed concealed in the cold earth. Specific energy is divinely baptized energy, the seed responding to the warmth of the springtime, striving to escape from itself, to mount upward toward the sun, the source of life.

When a member of the church is willing that God should have his way with him, and asks not that his Master should be satisfied with a formal and perfunctory service, but rather brings to Him himself, asking that the Master come into vivifying contact with all of his life, we need not fear that this world will not soon be blest by his activity. God is working

through such a man, and where God is given freedom of control the blessings of that freedom are spread abroad.

It is the privilege of the Christian to-day, however, not only to make a general consecration of himself to God, it is also his privilege to know that there are ever open certain divine channels for the transmission of his converted power.

When a man first enters into the Christian life, he enters only by the way of self-surrender and of sacrifice, but, paradoxical as it may appear, for a man to continue in the Christian life and manifest the divine energy it is necessary that his latent powers should be converted into forms of specific activity which operate along the lines of the least resistance. The massive engine is enabled to exert a power almost resistless because, in the transformation of the latent energy of the water into the specific form of steam, the steam is not confined within the boiler, but by the way of least resistance is permitted to find a way of escape, and thus exert its power. Power is effective not only as it is transformed, but as it is efficiently and economically transmitted. The ordinary conceptions of a Christian life do not provide the member of whom we are speaking with a natural outlet for his activity. As Frederick W. Robertson has said, "If you were to ask where you should find a type of Christian character, many in all probability would point to the man who keeps the Sabbath day, is regular upon the attendance of the services of the church, who loves to hear the Christian sermon." This, he points out, is the "feminine phase" of religion. It is absolutely necessary that one should manifest his Christian activity in the natural ways and channels which open to him as a man. He who conceives of the possibility of a division between his life as a professing Christian and his life in the world will never be able to transmit unto men the power of his Master. George Adam Smith tells of a great manufacturer whom he knew in Scotland, a man prominent in the church, who at his death left large sums of money for missionary societies, who told him that it would be necessary for him to pay lower and lower wages in order to meet the competition of Belgium. When asked how this would affect his workmen, and whether it were not better to strive with equal energy to maintain the same and even a higher standard of living, he replied that this was none of his concern.

The Christian of to-day can never engage in any form of so-called Christian activity or worship in which he shall either receive or transmit a blessing, who does not recognize the fact that all of his activity is but a form of the activity of his Master. He who has gained an apprehension of the spirit of the age in his thinking will thus be helped more faithfully and vigorously to grapple with the great problems which concern man, the immortal, in his earthly pilgrimage. He whose, sensibilities have been cultivated by the times in which he lives will be able more intelligently and lovingly to enter into the Master's feeling for humanity as he finds in his natural emotions a common meeting place with the divine. He who has struggled to maintain his family, to be honest, who has regarded

the obligation which has come to him as an employer of labor, will find that, accepting his position as the result of a divine commission, the hard struggle for character will be glorified. The man of a social nature is not to repress his natural instincts, but is called upon to consecrate unto God this nature which he has received, through which he is able to bring so much of good cheer to others.

But not only is the member of the church whose latent powers are given over to the Master given the privilege of making all of his individual activity divine, by means of his church relationships, it is also his privilege to have the same liberty of action granted him. We cannot say, as it is so easy to do, that the fact of the ordinary forms of our churchly activity appealing to so small a proportion of our membership is due to the superior consecration of the few and to the hardheartedness of the many. I believe that an examination of the church and of the field in which it is established will show that the true church is to be so constituted as to afford some form of churchly activity to every member. All have not the nature which can enter naturally into work in the Sunday school or in the prayer-meeting. Is it not the privilege of the church to ascertain the different capabilities of her members, and in accordance with these capabilities assign to each a definite form of activity in His name? The business of such a church must prove to be a means of grace, as that business is carried on under the advice and by means of the painstaking effort of the members of the church who are possessed of the greatest business ability. The cultivation of a higher ideal of home life may be safely entrusted to many a member of the church who otherwise would be left inactive. The instruction of the young, not only in the Scripture, but in the art of living a healthy, intellectual, satisfying life, it will be found can safely be given to many an enthusiastic member who might otherwise be regarded as cold and indifferent.

The church has to do with purer politics, and the enthusiasm with which our young men co-operate with others in the political campaign it is the church's privilege to utilize, as it stands for a higher conception of a political life, and for a truer view of patriotism and of citizenship.

As I look back upon the primitive church, while I am free to acknowledge that we are not to be controlled by the letter of the past, it does seem to me that there was much in that church which we need to-day. The brief records would seem to indicate that every member was a worker. The apostles were not able "to serve tables," and the first order of officers chosen were elected for this most prosaic of tasks. It was a matter of one's church life in this early day to own property and to deal faithfully. The church was not active one day in seven and passive during the six days following. The hospitable Gaius, whose chief Christian activity was manifested as he entertained the evangels of the cross, was as highly esteemed as those whose gifts and activities were more prominent.

I may differ with some of my brethren, but I cannot but believe that the institutional church best embodies the spirit of the early successful church,

and that the future belongs to this church, — which is not called upon to do a work for those who are degraded and forsaken in our great centres of population alone, but to bring the Christian spirit into contact with the life of man in the greatest possible number of ways, and in so doing enlist in some form of specific activity the greatest number possible of its membership. This church of the future is to realize the kingdom more fully because its work is to be carried on not by the few, as in the past, but by the many.

If "work is religion," — if all of life is sacred — if the spirit of Jesus applies to man's need as truly during the week as upon the Sabbath, — if man is a social being, working most freely and happily in fellowship with others, — then must opportunities for service ever appeal to the members of the church in every form of their individual life.

Then shall the church social, the sewing-class, the communion service, the prayer-meeting, the Society for Christian Endeavor, and the Society for the Promotion of a Broader Culture, be equally sacred and equally blessed.

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What the Church Offers Men.

The church has more to offer men than it is itself aware of, and while the most stirring and serious motives which *can* be brought to bear, like celestial levers, upon human nature, are at its disposal, it cannot afford to be found trifling with the debasing influence of *sensation*, nor following any will-o-the-wisp in trying to *amuse* men.

I have been asked to make special reference in this paper to what the church has to offer men as a class. But I shall not do as the Quakers do, putting the men on one side of the church and the women on the other. I do not believe we have a right to make such sharp distinctions. I am sure a true psychology does not justify it. But since any church which utterly *forgets* its men will before long surely be preaching to "benches, bibs, and bonnets," I shall try to present in this paper only such motives, which the church has in hand, as shall make their strong appeal to the manhood of man, no less than to the womanhood of woman.

Nor shall I speak of the mere *agencies* by which the profoundest purposes of the church express themselves. I shall not dwell upon the usefulness of Men's Sunday Evening Clubs, nor Brotherhoods of Andrew and Philip, sincerely as I believe in them. I shall try to find some of the living forces which course through the tissues of the plant, which send it up out of the earth, and maketh it to bud and blossom; that vital essence of which leaf and calyx and corolla are only the expression. What, then, are some of the stirring, vital, eternal forces which the church has been entrusted of its God and its Redeemer to apply to the lives of men? I

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think the very *existence* of such a question is the strongest evidence that the church has shrunk from giving its *best* things to the world, fearing to *scare* men by that greatness of its problems and its hopes which would in fact most *inspire* men. Unveil this Colossus which stands to-day at the portal of every sanctuary, and which in its shroud looms ominous and fearful, and it will be found to have arms which reach out with a glad invitation, and a smile which will reassure and entice.

1. *The first thing which the church offers to men is its own hard problems to solve.* The church in the present generation still has its twelve labors to perform, as it has had through the centuries. The Némean lion of doubt, the Lenéan hydra of criticism within its own ranks, must be taken and slain. The Augean Stables of indifference must be cleansed. But there is more than Herculean power in the church to *face* these labors. Nor is there any vulnerable heel by which it may be slain, for it is founded upon this rock, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I believe that these very problems thrown freely and frankly upon the consciences and hearts of men will only spur them on to nobler activity and grander loyalty. It is a part of the *metal of manhood* on its most manly side to *seek* mountains to climb, and to climb the harder as the mountains are the steeper. It is while the cloud of mystery and concealment is down over the Sinai ledges and steeps of the church's difficulties, and the line is drawn at the base beyond which only the Moses and the Joshua can pass, that the people turn away to other gods and bow down before their golden images. But there was no difficulty with the chosen men who followed Jesus up and down Galilee, because he put them at the front of the fight, and made them the vanguard as he said: "There is hard work to be done. It is the most serious yet. But I have chosen you and sent you forth into the midst of wolves." And they went; and by and by they came back buoyant in the very ecstasy of success, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject unto us."

So the church has a right to stand before men — and its duty is measured by its right — and to say to them, in the name of Him whom they have chosen to serve: Here is the prayer-meeting of the church. You know what it *is*. You know what it *ought* to be. To take it out from what it is and make it over into what it ought to be is *your* work for the Master. Therefore I send you out with *creative* power, and I give you authority in it to heal the sick, and to make the lame to walk and to raise the dead to life. Go out, therefore, and see if you cannot extract honey out of this rock, and bring down manna from these clouds, and make this chill east wind to bring in the abundance of quails. Echo and reëcho in *this* wilderness the voice of that one who cried, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Arouse to song the birds which are nested in *this* thorn bush, and prepare to join in the joy of the angels of God over the sinner who is about to repent. This is your work. I send you out to face all its difficulties. But I pour out my *spirit* upon you, that you may have the power of another Pentecost. Go, and see if by and bye, you do not come back rejoicing that all the forces which seemed against you are now upon your

side. And what the church may put with all its arduousness upon the conscience of men in the problem of the prayer-meeting, it may do also with its second service, and each added strain should prove but the pulling of the bow-string of mighty effort the harder, which will send men with the greater eagerness and alacrity to speed on the errands of the Lord. Jesus concealed not the difficulty of the cross-following, nor did he allow himself *alone* to bear the responsibility for Galilee, and Judea and Samaria. To him every hardship seemed a new invitation, and every cross a new charm. To a true-hearted man the very *problems* of the church, revealed to him in their ruggedness, will offer the thing which he has been looking for, a Hermon upon which he may be transfigured from glory to glory into the image of his Lord through the light and joy of *service.*

2. *The second inducement which the church has to offer men is the application of the great Christian principles to the* WORLD'S *problems.* If the church would feel the joy such as the Creator felt when he said: "Let there be light," and there was light, it may do so in the next decade *by the creation of a truly Christian political economy.* There never has been one yet. And what a glorious undertaking for the blended powers of the Christian mind and the Christian heart to achieve. That day has fully dawned when the church and the noblest sentiments of the world *agree* that the only solution of the mighty problems of riches and poverty; the only bridge which can span the chasm between labor and capital; the only deodorizer which will remove the stench of business and political corruption; the only measuring rod which can measure off the dimensions of the holy city of our social hopes and lay it out four square within our own social structure, with never-closing doors for the free admission of a redeemed humanity; the only power which can come into the night of this dark garden in which many a Magdalene is waiting, but almost without hope, to hear a familiar voice, in which many a Peter and John are running to and fro between the tomb where hope has been laid aside, and the upper rooms in the cities where their friends are assembled, and convert it into a garden of sweet living things, in which "the winter is past, and the rain is over and gone"; that the *only* thing which will do all this is *the application of the law of love which Jesus brought.* The church knows that. The noblest thinkers of the world grant that. But no one has yet really *dared* to try it in its fulness. The church has been *timid* in teaching it. It has not ventured to go as far in the application of *love* as the Master went. It has not been *brave* enough to face the tremendous consequences which are involved. Men have done many things from mere grit. But there are some things among Jesus' demands which can be done only by *Christian grace.* It takes a mighty Christian grace for a man to *face* his financial difficulties and fail in business, when he might have climbed over by the other way of dishonor. It takes a great Christian grace for a clerk to live in a humbler way than his neighbor clerk, in order to be more benevolent. It takes a great Christian grace to be smitten on the cheek by some one in society or business, and then to see that one go

on to success without dropping a sly slander about him, and perhaps have to turn the other cheek also to the smiter. It takes a great Christian grace to cut off the right hand of one's friendship, because it is leading him into evil, and to pluck out the eye of one's joy because it is filling the whole body with darkness. And it takes a yet *greater* Christian grace to love those who consistently oppose your way to success. But what is all this, and much more which reaches away into the perspective of glory in character even *beyond* our vision, but the *application* of the principles of Christ. Let the church not be afraid of it because it is hard. It is one of the grandest possessions from the oracles of God which it has in its possession.

Here is something which the church has to offer men. Not an amusement. Not an appeal to their vanity, nor a sop to any guarded indifference. It takes men on their noblest and most serious side. It says to them, "You are men of courage. You have grit and the love of conquest, or you are not men. Here is something which will engage your grandest powers, something *adequate* to the fulness of your ability. Go, you employer, and love your workmen, and love them the more the less you are loved. Go, you rich man, and show your faith *by* your works. Go, you merchant, and spurn the devil's offer of loaves and see if *you* cannot prove that man cannot live by bread alone." So the church stands beside the courage of manhood, as the goddess Athena stood beside Achilles in the presence of his mortal enemy, and *breathes* into it the *only* motive which is *sufficient* to send it out.

3. Just another step in the same direction brings us in sight of the next laurel wreath which the church holds in its hand, wherewith to crown and inspire conquerors.

The allurements of the church, when the true pitch is struck, are sweeter and stronger than any song of Lorelei on Bingen's shores. And it entices not toward dangerous rocks, but into safe harbors. I am sure that if the mighty *conquests* in the moral life, which Christianity promises, have failed to prove attractive to men, it is because the church has either missed the majestic meaning of them, or, seeing that, has not dared to point them out. The gates of Gaza, which short-sighted Philistines supposed would keep the strong man of Israel in subjection, were only the spur to his mightiest effort. And the very greatness of the foundations of moral evil in the world, to which the church supposes that men are so firmly bound, would only offer another motive for grappling with them, *if the occasion were fitly furnished.* This is what the church has to offer in its appeal to the native moral virility of men. *The triumph of life:* that is no mean conquest. The checkmate of misfortune when it is making its most brilliant attack: that is no slight triumph. The mastery of a great sorrow which seems so masterful: that is a power which the church has to offer men. And where is the man to whom the idea of *power* does not appeal? The church of a Sunday morning may lead men back over the same dusty, desert paths of business, which they have followed all week, back along the weariness of the old subjects which they have been

puzzling over and have become weary of, or it may lead them in the green pastures and beside the still waters of "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." It may bring them out into the sight of the great restless sand-drifts of the world's evil tendencies, which they already know full well, or it may bring them under the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, under the power which alone will make it possible for them to *check* the evil tendencies in their own lives, and give them rest. *I believe that the Church ought to offer men on the Sabbath something* BETTER *than they have had all the week.* They will be found in the services of the Church if they can hear those who believe *more*, not less, than they. There is a whole continent of moral conquest reaching back from the narrow margin of shore which men have already possessed themselves of. We have only touched the *hem* of God's garment. Like our own continent in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred, there is only a fringe of country conquered. Stretching back from this are the immeasurable resources, the uncounted riches, the forests and the rivers and the mines of moral wealth. And there at the entering in of this vast land the Church stands offering *opportunity and power*, and inviting men to go in and take possession. All the spirit of strong courage, all the capacity of endurance, all the enthusiasm of assured success, are here appealed to. *The conquest of life* is what the church has to offer men.

4. Another thing the church has to offer men. It is *the manly ideal of character in Jesus Christ.* Men are interested in Jesus Christ, even those who are *not* interested in the church. There was no lack of virile force in him. In the way in which he worked out the mighty problems of of his life, there is a vast charm for all humanity. The ideal which has emerged from the solution of those great problems has in it all the profounder forms of strength which men admire. Majesty is written upon it in such letters that they who run can read. Men are *interested* in seeing the working out of that true philosophy of life which Christianity offers; in seeing the perfect harmony between the world and God in Christ Jesus. Oh, the unaccountable, the lamentable error of ever having set religion and science over against each other, the rising up of brother against brother in the family of God's own children! But the prodigal, who went forth, partly because he was *driven* forth, having found that the world which he has sought is the same world which he knew in his father's home, is happily coming back again, and the elder brother is going out to meet him. Signs of recognition and joy have been passed as they have come in sight. And I assure you that the world is *interested* to see the grand reconciliation which has already begun, and which is to be consummated. *And the peacemaker is the Christ*, through whom not only was the church redeemed, but through whom also the worlds were made. The church can stand before men to-day and say: "Come and see this divine spectacle, this great scene of reconciliation of religion and science, as of two brothers long parted, but now joined together by that union which, God having made, let no man put asunder. Come and see them as they fall into one another's embrace, and return together to their Father's

house. Come and see how, in Christ Jesus, they who were sometime afar off are made high. For *He* is their peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down *this* middle wall of partition." So the church can take men to the house-top, as Samuel took Saul, and there, in the name of the new day that is breaking, tell them that they are *kings*. What a gracious opportunity that is which the church has, to offer this great ideal of manhood, and say: —

> "A man like to thee
> Thou shalt love and be loved by, forever: a Hand like this hand
> Shall throw open the gates of new life to Thee! See *the Christ* stand!"

5. Then, as we draw this paper toward its close, let us notice that the church offers men the crowning glory of the life of man and God alike,— *Sacrifice*. It has in its foundation one rock upon which a great part of the weight of its structure of hope for men stands, and that rock is its confidence that there is a side to every man's nature which is appealed to by the motive which moves God himself, that there is somewhere a window of the soul which opens toward heaven. Men may be, as Moses was, over on the other side of the mountains feeding their flocks, and seemingly content with the selfishness of their life. But the Church believes that when it can kindle a burning bush in the way, and speak out of it the call of God to a life of genuine service, and of heroic sacrifice for the suffering children of God, though there may be hesitation, yet if the bush burns and *is not consumed*, and the voice speaks yet again, the man will go. The church offers the noblest *sacrifice* to men. Their time, their money, their ease, their self-satisfaction, their great *absorption* in the things of self, these are to be offered up as a morning sacrifice, a savor of a sweet smell before the Lord. And if this does not appeal to the best things that are in them, then *man is not divine*, and God was wrong when he looked forth upon his creation and pronounced it good. When the church deserts this motive and substitutes for it an appeal to ear and eye, amusement, sensation, and curiosity, it is denying the efficiency of that cross which was lifted up from the earth to draw all men. What is there in the *soldier's* life which appeals so strongly to that which is noble in men? Is it not the hardship, the service, the sacrifice, and the knowledge that all this is endured for a great purpose. And the citizen soldier, who goes out at the call of his country, represents a high type of manhood. But *our* citizenship is in heaven. And the service into which the church would enlist men is the service of *everything* that is pure and true and holy and of good report. While the church in its *left* hand offers men sacrice, in its right hand it offers them such divine *motives* for that sacrifice as may appeal to the highest that is in them, as it says to each one: —

> "Made in His image, thou must nobly dare
> The *thorny* crown of sovereignty to share."

These are the things which the church, when it is in its right mind, offers men: the solution of its own mighty problems; the application of the principles of the Christ to the great problems of society; the triumph

of life; the manly ideal of character in Jesus Christ; and sacrifice. These are not playthings, nor toys which the church puts into the hands of men to amuse them, but mountains of reality requiring a sturdy manhood to reach the summit. The church must take for granted that manhood, in its nobleness, has in it something to which *difficulty* appeals. While these great incentives may not fill the churches in a year, there will at least be added unto them from time to time such as are being saved, as men increasingly come to learn that the greatness of life consisteth in the greatness of the Master's life, who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

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The Mission Motive.

This is not an academic question. It is of little consequence for councils of the church to define the motive for missions, and for divinity students to get it into their note-books unless in the end it be in the hearts of Christian people and of their pastors. The only mission motive worth talking about is at work somewhere; not pigeon-holed, in a system of thought. Every true motive is dynamic. It is pushing some one forward in the path of service. The mission motive would appear in its living reality if we could bring to this platform the great band of student volunteers who are eager to turn their lives to account in Christ's world-wide cause. It would be incarnate in the tried friends of missions who work and save and deny themselves in order to furnish the sinews of this holy war. Its very clearest statement would come from the lips of the veterans in the mission field who have followed Christ through toilsome years, by the compulsion of an inner energy. To find this working motive is our practical quest; to receive it for the re-enforcement of our own devotion to this cause and to communicate it to others our present duty. Yet this Christ-like energy, traceable in all worthy missionary endeavor, is not altogether simple. The missionary motive cannot be stated in a single word, nor is it identical for all. It will vary somewhat according to the individual and the age. The prevalent emphasis on truth and the temporary opportunity for evangelism will be reflected in the missionary motive, as intellectually conceived by the church in its various periods. The same will be true of different individuals in the same age. This variety we are to recognize, and every manifestation of it we are to honor. But on the whole, the mission motive is threefold, and our thought at this time will gain in clearness by considering it so.

I. *The Religious Motive.* This comes first. Missions bless men; but love, pity, and patience fit for so costly and exacting a service are born only of love and obedience to God. Father, then brother, is the order of

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heart and voice. What then is the divine authority for missions? As the grace of God for men is summed up and manifested in the person and work of the Christ, so all the prophetic and apostolic intimations of the redemption of mankind, and the Master's own expectation of the victorious course of his gospel, are embraced in his parting commission to the apostles. With what majestic authority were those words spoken! There lay behind them the moral grandeur of our Lord's character, his power over men, his perfect exemplification of the Kingdom of God in a human life. But beyond all that, the victory of the cross and of the empty tomb made his words kingly. The misgivings of the disciples had now been turned to joy by the question, Behoved it not the Christ, to suffer these things and to enter into his glory? Buttressed on one side by the claim, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth, and on the other by the inspiring promise, Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world, no word of God rings clearer with the tone of command. Taken in its dramatic setting this charge is the characteristic and crowning Christian duty. The King has spoken. The servant must obey. But love joins hands with obedience in fulfilling the command, Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Love for Christ will see here its opportunity and will bring its gift. Grateful loyalty to him will fulfil his last wish. The friend of Christ will bound forward in this part of the servant's work. The love of Christ constrains us. Love for Christ will keep his commandments, in order that He may see the travail of his soul and be satisfied.

II. *The Humane Motive.* But the divine commands are not arbitrary. The church is not called to vain tasks. Christ does not ask that love for him be blind. Missions are for man. The manifold need of a world lying in darkness pleads with us. Scan whatever unevangelized fields one may, their fallow acres wait for the sower and the seed. We traverse the wide West. With the picture of isolated prairie dwellings, of remote and shifting lumber camps, of mining hamlets fringing mountain streams, in, memory, can we be indifferent to the homes without a Bible, to the unhallowed Sabbaths, to the lean, or dreary, or reckless lives, without hope and without God in the world? We ride through the pine-lands and cotton-fields of the South, and bring away the mental image of squalid cabins and of the ignorant, sense-bound millions who herd in them. Ever after, that Macedonia cries to us for Christian education and a practical religion. Skirt the shores of the Mediterranean, and read on dejected and loveless faces the effects of Moslem influence and rule. Does not their need follow us to our homes, and supplicate a share in our happy lot? From the dark regions beyond there come to us still more vivid photographs of suffering, shame, stolidity, and despair, taken upon the sensitive plate of the keen conscience and Christian affections of the missionary who knows the black realities of heathenism. Through eye, or ear, or the printed page, the tragic facts of human need make their appeal to whatever is brotherly and generous in us. They form a dismal panorama of child widows, passing in mournful procession; of victims of

superstition, writhing in physical torture; of multitudes prostrating themselves in vain repetition before deaf divinities; and of ill-prepared millions marching ceaselessly into an eternity which is to them a dream of oblivion or a horror of darkness. What can we answer but this: I am debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, to the Hindu and the Japanese, to the African and the islander of the distant seas? Whatever the gospel has brought to us, whether the blessings of personal religion, or the vast benefits of Christian civilization, we must offer to our needy brother. To this the humane motive of missions urges us on.

But we must look at humanity through the eyes of the Son of Man. Let his view of its primary need be ours. We are to see the hidden man of the heart and the undying soul. Though the thought of the age magnifies environment, and its philanthropy makes much of condition, we gain nothing in the appeal for missions by exalting the material and temporal advantages they convey. A veneer of civilization is not the first need of man anywhere. This is it: that he be saved from the power of sin and death and become a partaker of eternal life. Now, how much is our personal faith worth to us? Can we entertain the thought of being without it; or of our children being without it? Instead of condemnation and sense of guilt we have forgiveness and peace of conscience. From the bondage of sinful habits and desires, we have a good hope of deliverance through the divine ideal and grace in Jesus Christ. In place of vexation of spirit and a thousand fears, we have a filial life of trust and comfort, so that in the weakness and delirium of life's last hours we may murmur, like the dying Gladstone, "Our Father," "Our Father," and may pass into a blessed immortality along a clear path of hope which the ethnic faiths know not and which even modern science can only dimly trace. All this we have; and the men sitting in darkness have it not. They plead with us, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

When this highest ministry of missions has been recognized, it is interesting to notice to what a large degree the modern contention that all life be Christianized has been anticipated in missionary methods. This is notably so in the missions of the American Board. The beginnings of the local church, a native ministry, schools, the press, hospitals, Christian homes, Sabbath observance, industrial arts, have kept pace with direct evangelism. Thus permanence is secured, remedial influences are widely diffused, and the foundations of Christian civilization in its social and political forms are firmly laid.

This practical beneficence continues to invite our service; and long after European conquest and commerce shall have given law and industry to the remotest nations, the leaven of the missionary's self-sacrificing love will be needed to interpret civilized life to the new and involuntary participants in it.

III. *The Providential Motive.* There are special divine elections and appointed seasons in missions. Some of us, individuals and churches, are the direct heirs of missionary enthusiasm. Parents have loved this cause, have labored in it, have given to it. They have invested them-

selves in it and it has wrought a reflex blessing upon their piety and that of their sons and daughters. These must carry the torch which God has thus lighted for them. Many churches have made their noblest history and won their strength of faith and force of love through the missionary concert and the missionary collection. Their members of a younger generation are called of God to a like specific devotion.

Besides this, there is immense significance in the familiar observation that far-reaching providential preparations have been made for the rapid and effective prosecution of the missionary enterprise in the immediate future. Distance has been annihilated. Continents have been explored and colonized. The gates of hermit nations have been opened from within or forced from without. Races and religions are now understood. The Bible is in every important language. Western thought is current in Japan and India. It will perhaps soon enter China, following the sharp wedge of dismemberment. The church of Christ has a larger force than ever before of trained, consecrated youth, and means enough to send them forth; and has hard-won experience for their guidance. Surely God has cast up a highway for his people. To work with God anywhere and at any time is man's highest privilege. But even the faint-hearted may follow exultingly in this day of his power. We sow under a shining bow of promise, with the harvest in plain view.

Christianity must become universal before it can be perfect. After the church has penetrated every natural fastness, has faced every form of sin and superstition, and has won representative converts from every race, and added to her interpretation of the eternal gospel, whatever the experience of every type of man can contribute, she will return with fuller moral power to conquer obdurate hearts at home, and to solve social problems according to the mind of Christ. First make Christianity extensive; then intensive, until the new heaven and the new earth come, in which dwelleth righteousness. In this also we may be co-workers with God, at a time when the globe is growing small, and all nations of the earth are learning that they are of one blood.

These are the elements in the missionary motive, religious, humane, providential. Yet not every traveller heeds the bitter cry of the heathen world, though it be in his ears. Not every Christian takes up the task of obedient love, or steps forward, though he hear the clock of God strike the hour for advance. We know these things; happy are we if we do them. May the divine spirit ever make what is thus present to our minds as truth, a fire in our hearts, and an energy in our wills. This must be our prayer for ourselves and for all His Church.

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The World-Wide Mission of the Church.

The profoundest movements of history have all been inspired by the hope of universal supremacy. Judaism under the leadership of its greatest prophets; Greek civilization under the influence of Alexander and its most famous philosophers; Mohammedanism under the impulse of its early victories, all aimed at the mastery of the world. Jesus Christ has placed this same goal before his church. He presents himself as the source of universal truth and of universal love. With these he purposes to conquer the world. This truth and this love he also bids his followers take as the weapons of their warfare for him. Hence his command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

This is the grandest and most sweeping commission which has ever been given to man. It was utterly impossible for the early church to comprehend its significance. Gradually through the centuries its meaning has been unfolded. But not until to-day has the church been in a position to understand what is meant by the phrase "all the world." In the thought of the first century, the world was the Roman Empire. Beyond a stretch of land lying about the Mediterranean Sea, little was known. Later Europe was slowly penetrated by the civilization of the South. In the fifteenth century, commercial enterprise and the spirit of adventure culminating in the discovery of America marked a new stadium in man's knowledge of the world. But not until these closing years of the nineteenth century has the church had any adequate conception of the world as its field of conquest. In this century, a wider knowledge of the world has been brought to the church than during all past ages. At the beginning of this century, China, Japan, Corea, the isles of the Pacific and the dark continent of Africa were closed to the Christian church and were almost unknown to civilization. To-day these countries have thrown open their doors to receive the Christian messengers; their ports are visited, and their streams traversed by the steamers of commerce; their lands are crossed by railroads and their cities connected by cable with the telegraph systems of Europe and America. Thus at this time, as never before in history, there comes to the church the command of its Lord, "Go ye into all the world." Its field of conquest is no longer vague and shadowy, but clearly defined and well understood.

In a similar way it has taken time for the church to grasp the message which it has to deliver to the world. "Preach the gospel," is the command of its Lord. But the gospel in its universal application could not be understood at once. Ages of reflection have been necessary for this. To be

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sure it was taught from the first that the Son was sent to be "the Saviour of the world." But that was an idea too profound for antiquity with its deep-rooted national and social distinctions. Though the phrases of Scripture might be accepted, yet it seemed self-evident to the early church that the Atonement must be limited. Thus the Judaizers thought that salvation was intended especially for the Jews. To become a Christian, if one were not already a son of Abraham, he must submit to the Jewish rites and become incorporated into the Jewish race. Later there grew up in the old Catholic church the notion that though salvation is not simply for the Jew, as there can be neither Jew nor Greek in Christ Jesus, yet the Atonement is limited by the rite of baptism. It is by this means that the saving efficacy of the Atonement is conveyed to the individual. So it was said that there is "*Extra ecclesiam nulla salus.*" This idea of the gospel was better than the earlier one of the Ebionites, for it was broader, but it was not yet broad enough to satisfy the teaching of the New Testament. Still later it was advocated, especially by Calvin, that salvation was for the elect. God in his foreknowledge had predestined certain ones to eternal life. It was for these favored ones that Christ had died. This was a broader conception of the Atonement than that which had preceded it, but it was not yet broad enough. The message of Jesus Christ is that salvation is for all. It is not confined within the limits of any nationality, as that of the Jew, or of any organization, as that of the church, or of any class of men, as the elect. The gospel, which the church has received to give to the world, and which it has taken so many ages to understand, is that Jesus has tasted "death for every man." The Atonement is of universal application. Jesus Christ tasted death for St. Paul, not because he was a Jew; he tasted death for St. Augustine, not because he was a baptized member of the church; he tasted death for Calvin, not because he was among the elect. Jesus Christ died for these because he died for every man. The church to-day better than ever before comprehends the gospel message. Thus to-day more than ever before the Master lays on his church the duty of preaching that Gospel to every creature.

Will the church obey its Master? On the answer to that question hinges the future of the church. The world as the field of its activity has become definite and clear; the message of salvation as applicable and necessary to all men is well understood. Add to this the fact that abundant resources with which to proclaim the gospel in all the earth have been given to the church. The wealth of the world belongs to the Christian nations, and has been placed by God very largely in the hands of the professing Christians themselves. If the church is now faithful to its duty, if it is willing to give of its life, to give of its wealth, to make sacrifices in order to establish the Master's kingdom on earth, then it faces a glorious destiny. The very life of the church is at stake. It can save itself only by giving itself to the work of saving the world for Christ. The church does not exist for itself, but for the kingdom. It is the body of which Christ is the head, and as the body it is to be the instrument for accomplishing the purposes of the head. Christ came not to be ministered

unto, but to minister. Thus we are not to make the world serve the church, but make the church serve the world.

The church is just beginning to awake to the grand privilege of its world-wide mission. We are beginning to see that there can be no greater honor than to be co-laborers with God in accomplishing his eternal work. He desires to work with us and through us in saving the world. He sends us as his representatives to those who know him not. What are the social distinctions of earth compared with being ambassadors of the King of kings, the Lord of the universe? Riches, learning, earthly fame, are paltry honors compared with the eternal glories which await the missionaries of the cross.

In order that we obey this command and enter into this privilege, the one thing necessary is that we be animated by an enthusiasm and love for Christ himself. If we have this enthusiasm and personal attachment for him, then we will be ready to make any sacrifice that we may help him establish his reign. This is the only motive which succeeds: all others sooner or later fail. We are told that the heathen are barbarous, and they ought to be civilized; they are unclean and they ought to be made cleanly; they are ignorant and they ought to be educated; they are lost and they ought to be saved; besides all this, missions are helpful to commerce, and (heaven save the mark) are thus in the end a paying investment. Such talk never yet made one zealous missionary, and never will. These motives quickly wear threadbare. They may be used once to get a collection, but if employed a second time the contribution will be smaller. Love for Christ is the only motive which will never wear out. Once get that deep rooted in the hearts of Christians, and then missionary zeal will steadily increase and missionary contributions likewise. Have we had a vision of the Christ? That is the vital question. Is he a living presence for us? Is he for us the one altogether lovely, the chiefest among ten thousand, our Leader, our Saviour, and our Lord? If so then we will obey his farewell message, "Go disciple all nations." But if we have not had such a vision of the risen Christ, if we are not inspired by his living presence, then, of course, we have no particular enthusiasm for his kingdom. That is the gist of the whole matter.

We need enthusiasm for Christ more than anything else. Student Volunteer Movements, New Programs of Missions and the like, are doubtless all of value, but they do not go to the root of the matter. More love and zeal for Christ, that and that alone will solve all difficulties. If we have that, then the treasuries of the missionary boards will overflow with gold, and the everlasting gospel will be proclaimed on every hilltop and in every valley.

What enthusiasm we have for our country, its extensive industries, its vast stretches of railroad, its excellent public school system; how we rejoice in its triumphs in its struggle with Spain. Such enthusiasm as that we must have for the kingdom of our Lord, for its welfare and its victory. Then it will hasten on to universal conquest.

Finally, brethren, we should recognize the fact that the church is suc-

ceeding in its world-wide mission. Obeying the Lord's command, rejoicing in the privilege of his service, led on by a love and enthusiasm for him, his followers are gradually building up his kingdom in the world. Its walls and battlements are rising in our midst. The day of its triumph is approaching. Lift up your eyes and behold its coming glory. Who are these, its inhabitants, who walk amid its streets? Who are these who go forth from its gates on errands of mercy? They have come from the isles of the sea; they have come from the coasts of the East; they are the sons of the dusky Hindoo, and the daughters of the pale Caucasian; they are those who in all ages and from all races have accepted Jesus of Nazareth as their King, and have given themselves to the work of building up his eternal kingdom. Rejoice, O Earth; shout, O Heavens; sing, O ye Hosts of Light. "The Lord reigneth and all the nations shall serve him forevermore."

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MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS.

Dates from the earliest times of the Colony. Annual business meeting in the court-room of the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston, at 5 P. M., on the last Wednesday in May. Sermon at 11 A. M., on the day following. At this service a collection is taken, which, with the income of the Convention fund, is distributed to the widows and daughters of deceased Congregational ministers.

Every minister of a Congregational church in Massachusetts (whether Trinitarian or Unitarian) is *ex officio* a member of the Convention.

There is a reporting committee of twenty-five, selected by counties throughout the State, by which recommendations are made to a central committee of seven, which decides on all applications for aid.

PERMANENT OFFICERS. — Rev. Benjamin F. Hamilton, Boston (Roxbury), *scribe*, and Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, *treasurer;* to either of whom applications for aid may be addressed.

MASSACHUSETTS CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated in 1786. Organized to hold the funds of the Convention. Composed of fifteen clergymen and fifteen laymen, elected from both branches of the Congregational body. Aids the widows and orphans of deceased Congregational clergymen who have died while holding the pastoral office in Massachusetts.

Alexander S. Wheeler, Boston, *president;* Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, *secretary;* Arthur Lincoln, Boston, *treasurer;* Rev. Edwin B. Webb, Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Rev. Alexander McKenzie, *committee on appropriations.*

Applications for aid should be made to Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, Mass.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP.

The special attention of the churches is called to the following RULE of the Association: —

V. MEMBERS. — Each Evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association.

This resolution was also adopted: —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that churches sending delegates to the Annual Meetings of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts shall be recommended to pay the expenses of the delegates whom they send.

A DELEGATE FROM EVERY CHURCH would give us a grand and inspiring meeting.

1898.

The Minutes are sent to the churches by direction of the General Association. It is requested that one copy annually be preserved with the records of each church, and that the remaining copies be distributed among the officers and members in the way most likely to promote an intelligent interest in the condition and prosperity of the churches.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1899.

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

BROCKTON, MAY 16.

WITH THE STATISTICS.

BOSTON:
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CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1899.

THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID.

This Board had its origin in action taken by the General Association of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts in 1868, and was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1869.

Caleb H. Warner, 48 Brewster Street, Cambridge, is now its president; Arthur G. Stanwood, Esq., 701 Sears Building, Boston, is treasurer, to whom all contributions should be sent.

Rev. Edward B. Palmer, Rev. Morton Dexter, and Rev. Charles B. Rice are the executive committee.

Applications for aid should be sent to Rev. Edward B. Palmer, at Room 9, Congregational House. A small contribution is greatly needed annually from each church. Donations are also solicited from individuals. Should any one desire to leave a legacy in aid of the benevolent work of this Board, the following form of bequest will be sufficient: —

I give and devise to the Board of Ministerial Aid, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, for the charitable uses and purposes of said Corporation,.....

No officer of this Board receives any compensation for his services. No other board, society, or organization in this Commonwealth contributes anything for the support of needy Congregational ministers. Our country gives large pensions to her needy soldiers. Why should not our churches give something for "the aid, support, and comfort of their aged, disabled, superannuated, or needy ministers," and of "the widows and children of such ministers"?

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1899.

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BROCKTON, MAY 16-18,

WITH THE STATISTICS.

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CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1899.

COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1899-1900.

Provisional committee. — Rev. Henry R. McCartney and W. I. Fletcher, Amherst; Rev. Henry T. Rose, Northampton; Rev. C. H. Hamlin, Easthampton; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston.

Publishing committee. — Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston; Henry P. Emerson, Lynn; Henry D. Noyes, Hyde Park; Rev. Perley B. Davis, Dorchester.

Auditing committee. — Charles E. Swett, Winchester; J. H. Tewksbury, Brookline; Rev. Charles M. Southgate, Auburndale.

Members of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. — Rev. Elijah Horr, Brookline; William C. Strong, Newton Highlands.

On ministerial standing. — Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Worcester; Rev. Wm. H. Davis, Newton; Rev. W. A. Bartlett, Lowell; Rev. Edward A. Reed, Holyoke; Rev. John A. MacColl, New Bedford.

On the nomination of candidates for corporate membership of the American Board. — Rev. L. S. Rowland, Lee; Rev. B. H. Weston, Centerville; Rev. Willard Scott, Worcester; George N. Webber, Northampton; D. W. Willcox, Medford.

On Sunday observance. — Rev. A. H. Plumb, Boston; Rev. John E. Tuttle, Worcester; Rev. Arthur Little, Dorchester; Rev. R. A. McFadden, Chelsea; Joseph Willett, Needham.

On gambling. — Rev. C. H. Hamlin, Easthampton; Rev. C. M. Southgate, Auburndale; Rev. Isaac Pierson, Medford; S. Homer Woodbridge, Boston; Rev. William Gallagher, South Braintree; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, Newton Center; S. K. Hamilton, Wakefield.

On the wider circulation of religious literature. — Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, Greenfield; Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, Cohasset; H. Porter Smith, Cambridge; Rev. Warren P. Landers, Somerville; Hamilton S. Conant, Boston.

Trustees of the Board of Pastoral Supply for three years. — Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, Salem; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, Newton Center; Henry H. Proctor, Boston; Henry E. Cobb, Newton.

On the work of the churches. — For three years: Rev. J. D. Kingsbury, Bradford; Rev. G. A. Tewksbury, Concord; E. F. Morris, Monson. For two years: Rev. S. G. Barnes, Longmeadow; Rev. F. L. Bristol, Uxbridge; Geo. H. Shaw, Middleboro. For one year: Rev. J. Coit, Winchester; Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville; Arthur E. Gray, Worcester.

On temperance. — Rev. W. H. Davis, Newton; Arthur H. Wellman, Malden; T. M. Balliet, Springfield; Francis E. Bundy, M. D., Boston; Jessie A. Brown, Woburn.

On labor organizations. — Rev. W. H. Allbright, Dorchester; Rev. Daniel Evans, Cambridge; Rev. E. L. House, Dorchester; James G. Buttrick, Lowell; W. L. Spaulding, Worcester; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, Wellesley Hills; Rev. F. W. Merrick, West Roxbury.

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Meeting of 1900. — Amherst, Tuesday, May 15.

Expenses. — The treasurers of the conferences are requested to ask the churches, at the autumnal meetings, to contribute a sum equivalent to six cents for each member, based upon the total membership of Jan. 1, 1899, and to forward the amount to Henry P. Emerson, 33 Bedford Street, Boston, Mass. These amounts are needed promptly, and it is specially requested that all dues be paid before Jan. 1, 1900. The number of members in each church will be found in the statistics of the churches on pages 28–56.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

(Elected for Three Years Each.)

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, *secretary.*
From 1888. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Neponset, *assistant secretary.*
From 1895. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston, *registrar.*
From 1889. Re-elected 1897.

Rev. James W. Flagg, Foxboro, *assistant registrar.*
Elected 1897.

Henry P. Emerson, Boston, *treasurer.*
Chosen 1899.

BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

Room 22A Congregational House.

DIRECTORS.

		Term expires.
Herbert N. Ackerman	*West Medford.*	1900
Rev. Merle A. Breed	*Westboro.*	1901
Charles W. Carter	*Auburndale.*	1901
Rev. De Witt S. Clark	*Salem.*	1902
Henry E. Cobb	*Newton.*	1902
Rev. William H. Davis	*Newton.*	1901
George E. Keith	*Campello.*	1900
Rev. Edward M. Noyes	*Newton Center.*	1902
Henry H. Proctor	*Boston.*	1902
Rev. Edward A. Reed	*Holyoke.*	1900
Arthur M. Stone	*Worcester.*	1900
Rev. William M. Tenney	*N. Adams.*	1901

Rev. Charles B. Rice, *secretary.*

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RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. — This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT. — Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches ; promote spirituality, and to co-operate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS. — This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS. — Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS. — Each evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS. — 1. A secretary, an assistant secretary, a registrar, an assistant registrar, and a treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible. In case any of these offices become vacant between the annual meetings of the Association, the vacancy may be filled until the next following meeting by vote of the remaining officers.

2. A moderator and alternate shall be elected by ballot at each annual session, to serve from the close of that session and until the election of their successors.

3. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of ministers and churches, and have charge

of the printing thereof ; distribute the publications of the Association and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association. He shall give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each session.

5. The treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed by the auditing committee through its chairman, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Association. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. Annual Meeting. — The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of May, at two P. M. (or at some other more convenient hour), at such place as shall have been duly designated.

VIII. Home Missionary Society. — The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that society.

The two persons thus nominated shall be from the membership of the Association at the time, and shall not be eligible for nomination for more than two years in succession, and shall, if required, make report concerning the work of the society at the next meeting of the Association.

IX. Correspondence. — Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

X. Organization. — The moderator, or in his absence, the pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a moderator and the session shall be opened with prayer.

XI. Committees. — The following committees shall be chosen: —

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, which shall be appointed by the moderator immediately after the opening of the session, to which all certificates of membership shall be referred.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following and any other committees referred to them, except as hereinafter provided.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements for the session consisting of five, of whom two shall be from members of the Provisional Committee, to prepare the business of the session, and no business shall be introduced

but through the hands or with the approval of the committee; but if said committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Provisional Committee of five, of whom the secretary or registrar shall be one, to prepare the schedule for the next annual meeting, to select a preacher for the Associational sermon, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(5.) A Committee of Publication to consist of the secretary, registrar, treasurer, and two other persons to be appointed at the session, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association.

(6.) A Committee on the Work of the Churches, which shall make report to this body at the next annual session upon the work of the churches and state of religion. This Committee shall consist of nine members, three to be chosen each year, to serve for three years. The scribes of the local conferences shall be corresponding members of this committee.

(7.) A Committee to Audit the Accounts for the next annual meeting, which shall report the state of the treasury and the sum, in its opinion, necessary to be asked from the churches for the next ensuing year, and, through its chairman, approve all bills presented for payment.

XII. Exercises. — The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of home evangelization, addresses, and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIII. Special Orders. — 1. At the opening of the session, on the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday, the moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read; and the sessions of each day shall be closed with prayer or hymn.

2. The Associational sermon and Lord's Supper shall be assigned to Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association, or a part thereof, shall be given to the Mass. Home Missionary Society.

XIV. Place of Meeting. — Previous to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify the place of meeting for the next year; and the church of the place of meeting selected is requested to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the course of the service. The Lord's Supper shall be administered generally without remarks.

XV. Rules of Order. — The rules of order shall be those found in common parliamentary practice, subject, however, to the following specifications : —

1. That all reports of committees other than those named in Rule XI. shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the regular meeting, and furnished to the secretary on or before April 1st. They shall not be read at the meeting, but one hour of the session may be devoted to the discussion of these topics.

2. That no committee other than those named in Rule XI. shall be continued without a definite yearly vote of the Association, and no member of any special committee shall serve for more than two consecutive years without an enabling vote of the Association.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.

4. When a question is under debate, the moderator shall entertain motions only as follows, viz.: to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

XVI. Amendments. — 1. Any of the above rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of the action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposals in writing at the annual meeting next prior to that of action, and after notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences, and Churches, and by a two-thirds vote.

MINUTES.

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts met for its ninety-seventh annual session with the First church, Brockton, Tuesday, May 16, 1899.

Organization. — At 2.30 p. m., the Association was called to order by Rev. G. R. W. Scott, of Newton, moderator. The hymn, "The Church's one foundation" was sung. The moderator appointed the following to act as tellers: W. L. Johnson, Uxbridge; John P. Heath, Somerville; Rev. L. H. Blake, Westfield; Rev. Frank P. Estabrook, Georgetown; Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Chelsea; Timothy Smith, Roxbury.

ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Abington,	Rev. Wilson S. Fritch, Elijah G. Morris.
Agawam,	E. D. Allen.
Amesbury, Main St.,	Rev. George L. Richmond.
" Union,	Rev. George W. Christie.
Amherst, 2d,	Rev. C. W. Hawley.
" South,	Rev. John F. Gleason, Mrs. J. F. Gleason,
Andover, South,	Rev. Frank R. Shipman, J. L. Brewster.
" Free,	Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, J. A. Smart.
" Seminary,	Rev. George Harris.
Arlington, Park Ave.,	Rev. A. E. Stembridge.
Ashburnham, 1st,	Rev. Nathan T. Dyer.
Attleboro,	Mark E. Rowe.
Barnstable, West,	Rev. Edgar B. French.
" Centerville,	Rev. Bartlett H. Weston.
" Hyannis,	Miss M. L. Baker.
Berlin,	Arthur P. Pratt [*Lic.*].
Bernardston,	Rev. David H. Strong.
Billerica,	Sidney A. Bull.
Boston, 2d, Dorchester,	Rev. Arthur Little, J. J. Arakelyan.
" Park St.,	Rev. John L. Withrow.
" Union,	Rev. Sam'l Lane Loomis, Dea. Sam'l A. Badger.
" Phillips, South,	Rev. Percy H. Epler.
" Berkeley Temple,	Hamilton S. Conant.
" Brighton,	Rev. Adolph A. Berle, George H. Howard.
" Village, Dorchester,	Rev. George W. Brooks, John Durell.
" Eliot, Roxbury,	Dea. Timothy Smith.
" Central,	Rev. Edward L. Clark, Dea. John A. Bennett.
" West Roxbury,	Rev. Frank W. Merrick.
" Maverick, East,	Rev. Oren D. Fisher, James A. Cochrane.
" Mt. Vernon,	Rev. Morton Dexter.
" Shawmut,	Rev. William T. McElveen.
" Jamaica Plain,	Rev. Chas. L. Morgan, Mrs. Adelaide E. Pearson.
" Immanuel, Roxbury,	Rev. Charles H. Beale.
" Neponset,	Mrs. J. A. Reamy.
" Highland, Roxbury,	Rev. William R. Campbell, Dea. Eugene Russell.
" Boylston, Ja. Plain,	Dea. George W. Fowle.
" Allston,	Rev. John O. Haarvig.

Boston, Harvard, Dorchester,	Rev. William T. Beale, Mrs. Mary W. Beale.
" Central, Dorchester,	Rev. Perley B. Davis.
" Roslindale,	Rev. Richard B. Grover, Dea. Wm. H. Warner.
Boylston, Center,	Rev. Samuel B. Cooper, Mrs. S. B. Cooper.
Braintree, 1st,	Rev. Albert A. Ellsworth, Dr. T. Haven Dearing.
" South,	Rev. Joseph Kyte.
Bridgewater,	Albert G. Boyden.
" Scotland,	Rev. Ira A. Smith, E. E. Keith.
Brockton, 1st,	Rev. Alan Hudson.
" South, Campello,	Rev. Albert F. Pierce, Roland D. Sawyer,
" Porter,	Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, William Rapp.
" *Swed.*, Campello,	Rev. Aug. Pohl, Dea. Charles A. Nelson.
" Waldo,	Rev. Robert L. Rae, Mrs. A. M. Holbrook,
" Wendell Ave.,	Rev. Edwin L. Noble, Mrs. Thomas Brooks.
Brookfield,	Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Dea. J. P. Cheney.
Brookline, Harvard,	Rev. Reuen Thomas.
" Leyden,	Rev. Albert E. Dunning.
Cambridge, 1st,	H. Porter Smith.
" Prospect St.,	Rev. Reuben A. Beard, Frank C. Bill.
" North Ave.,	Charles F. Hathaway.
" Pilgrim,	Rev. Frank E. Ramsdell.
" Wood Memorial,	Dea. Abijah R. Buck.
Carlisle,	Rev. A. Herbert Armes, Dea. D. L. Chamberlain.
Carver, North,	Rev. Washington H. Forbes.
Chelsea, 1st,	Rev. Ross C. Houghton, DeMont Goodyear.
" Central,	Rev. Robert A. MacFadden, Walter F. Adams.
Cohasset,	Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, Warren L. Tower.
" Beechwood,	Mrs. Salome A. Litchfield.
Concord,	Rev. George A. Tewksbury, Dea. Thomas Todd.
Danvers, Center,	Rev. Charles B. Rice.
" Maple St.,	Rev. Edward C. Ewing, Dea. Samuel L. Sawyer.
East Bridgewater,	Rev. Granville Yager, James S. Allen.
Easton, Center,	Rev. Augustus H. Fuller.
" *Swed.*, North,	Rev. L. T. Lindholm
Everett, 1st,	Charles W. Greenwood.
Fairhaven,	Miss Sarah H. Willcox.
Fall River, Central,	Dea. Charles J. Holmes.
" Fowler,	Rev. Payson W. Lyman.
" Broadway,	Rev. Henry G. Megathlin.
Falmouth, North,	Rev. Ezra N. Smith.
Fitchburg, Rollstone,	Rev. William O. Conrad, Dea. Charles H. Doten.
Foxboro,	Rev. James W. Flagg, Miss Maria Matthews.
Framingham, South,	Dea. Charles O. Evans.
Freetown,	Rev. William F. Warren, Miss M. Florence Dean.
Georgetown, 1st,	Rev. Frank P. Estabrook.
Gloucester, Trinity,	Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard.
" Lanesville,	Rev. Frank H. Reed.
" Magnolia,	Rev. James E. Enman.
Goshen,	Rev. Calvin Keyser.
Granby,	Rev. Robert C. Bell.
Greenfield, 2d,	Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, Marvin S. Fellows.
Halifax,	Rev. Jesse H. Jones, Mrs. Clara D. Jones,
Hampden,	Rev. James B. Sargent.
Hanover, West,	Rev. John Wild, H. B. Barstow.
Hanson,	Miss I. Josie Estes.
Harwichport,	Rev. Edward T. Ford.
Haverhill, West,	Rev. John N. Lowell.
" Center,	Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Dea. Albert Emerson.
Hingham,	Rev. Arthur Truslow, Dea. Charles Bates.
Holbrook,	Rev. Warren F. Low.
Holden,	Rev. Thomas E. Babb.
Holliston,	Rev. N. Vander Pyl, Watson P. Gage.
Holyoke, 1st,	Rev. George W. Winch, Dea. Charles W. Hyde.
Hopkinton,	Rev. James B. King, Dea. A. G. Brewer.
Hyde Park,	Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, Edward S. Hathaway.
" Clarendon Hills,	Rev. Achilles L. Loder, John Halden.
Lawrence, Riverside,	Rev. Henry E. Oxnard.

Lawrence, Trinity,	Rev. Frederick H. Page.
Lee,	Augustus R. Smith.
Leominster,	Rev. George R. W. Scott.
Lexington,	Rev. Charles F. Carter.
Littleton,	Nelson B. Conant.
Longmeadow,	Rev. Stephen G. Barnes, Rev. R. S. Underwood.
Lowell, 1st,	Rev. Franke A. Warfield, Dea. Albert D. Carter.
" 1st Trinitarian,	Rev. George F. Kenngott, Dea. A. W. Sheldon.
" Eliot,	Frank I. Tyler.
" John St.,	Mrs. Frank I. Tyler.
" Kirk St.,	Dea. H. B. Shattuck.
" High St.,	Dea. William H. White.
Lynn, 1st,	Merrill F. Delnow.
" Central,	Rev. Charles C. Watson.
" North,	Rev. Arthur J. Covell, Mrs. Arthur J. Covell.
Manchester,	Rev. Walter H. Ashley, George W. Jewett.
Mansfield,	Rev. H. F. Swartz, A. V. Rogerson.
Marblehead,	Rev. H. Linton Bell, Nathan P. Sanborn.
Marion,	Rev. Harry L. Brickett.
Medford, Mystic,	Rev. John Barstow, Dea. D. W. Wilcox.
" West,	Rev. Judson V. Clancy.
" Union,	Rev. Isaac Pierson.
Medway, Village,	Sumner H. Clark.
Melrose,	Rev. Thomas Sims, Dea. Curtis C. Goss.
" Highlands,	Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, Rev. Edwin Leonard.
Merrimac,	Mrs. George L. Todd.
Methuen,	Rev. Charles H. Oliphant.
Middleboro', 1st,	Rev. Geo. W. Stearns, Dea. Augustus H. Soule,
" North,	Rev. Charles L. Tomblen.
" Central,	Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, George H. Shaw.
Middleton,	Rev. Warren P. Landers. [of Hopedale.
Milford,	Rev. Webster Woodbury, Dea. A. A. Westcott,
Millis,	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Dea. Isaiah Cousins.
Milton,	Rev. Henry S. Huntington, John A. Tucker.
Monson,	Rev. Franklin S. Hatch.
Montague, Turner's Falls,	Rev. Frank N. Merriam.
Needham,	Joseph Willett.
Newbury,	Rev. Charles S. Holton.
Newburyport, Whitefield,	Rev. Frank G. Alger, Dea. D. S. Burley.
Newton, Eliot,	Rev. William H. Davis, Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare.
" Auburndale,	Rev. Charles M. Southgate, Rev. F. N. Peloubet.
" Highlands,	Rev. Charles E. Havens, Dea. William C. Strong.
Norfolk,	Lyman E. Ware.
North Adams,	Rev. William L. Tenney.
Northampton, 1st,	Prof. George N. Webber.
North Andover,	Daniel W. Carney.
North Brookfield, 1st,	Rev. John L. Sewall.
Norwood,	Rev. Charles F. Weeden.
Orange, Central,	Rev. William N. T. Dean.
Palmer, 2d,	Rev. F. B. Harrison.
Peabody, South,	Rev George A. Hall.
Pepperell,	Horace I. Whipple.
Plymouth, Manomet,	Rev. Haig Adadourian.
" Pilgrimage,	Rev. D. M. James.
" Chiltonville,	Rev. Frederick B. Noyes.
Princeton,	Rev. Charles A. White.
Quincy, Bethany,	Rev. Edward N. Hardy, Dea. Franklin Hardwick.
" Washington St. (Pt.),	Rev. Edward Anderson.
Randolph,	Rev. Charles A. Hilton, Dea. Royal T. Mann.
Raynham,	Rev. Sidney K. B. Perkins, Dea. M. G. Shurtleff.
Reading,	Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell, Dea. S. E. Parker.
Rehoboth,	Hon. John C. Marvel.
Revere, 1st,	Rev. Walter S. Eaton.
Rockland,	Rev. Fred Hovey Allen, J. S. Smith.
Rockport, 1st,	Rev. Israel Ainsworth.
Royalston,	Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.
Salem, Tabernacle,	Rev. DeWitt S. Clark.

Salem, South,	Rev. James F. Brodie.
Saugus, Cliftondale,	W. A. Stone.
Scituate Center,	Rev. Seelye Bryant.
Sharon,	Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Mrs. A. K. Brown.
Shelburne,	Rev. Joseph A. Goodrich, George E. Taylor.
Somerset,	Rev. Thomas F. Norris, Mrs. A. L. Morrill.
Somerville, 1st,	Rev. Robert W. Wallace, Dea. J. P. Heath.
" Broadway,	Rev. Horace H. Leavitt, Dea. Charles J. Hooper.
" Winter Hill,	Rev. Charles L. Noyes.
Southboro,	Rev. Martin F. Mevis.
Spencer,	Rev. Charles E. Sumner.
Springfield, South,	Rev. Philip S. Moxon, Dea. Albert H. Kirkham.
" Emmanuel,	Rev. David L. Kebbe, Dea. Nelson Lombard.
" Faith,	Rev. Henry C. Meserve, Charles W. Ranneberg.
Stoneham,	Rev. Charles E. Beales, Wilbur W. Chapman.
Stoughton,	Henry W. Darling.
Swampscott,	Rev. Daniel E. Burtner, Rev. George A. Jackson.
Taunton, Trinitarian,	Rev. Francis A. Fate, Elijah E. Richards.
" Winslow,	Rev. T. Clayton Welles, Dea. James H. Dean.
" East,	Rev. Halah H. Loud, Miss Gertrude F. Dean.
" Union,	Rev. Frank L. Luce.
Topsfield,	Rev. Francis A. Poole.
Upton,	Rev. Alexander Wiswall.
Uxbridge,	Rev. Frank L. Bristol, Dr. W. L. Johnson.
Wakefield,	Rev. Albert P. Davis.
Walpole, East,	William L. Aldrich.
Ware, East,	Dea. William S. Hyde.
Wareham,	Rev. J. Herbert Yeoman.
Webster,	Rev. Henry A. Blake.
Westboro,	Rev. Merle A. Breed, William A. Sanford.
Westfield, 1st,	Mrs. Frank P. Searle.
" 2d,	Rev. Lyman H. Blake.
West Newbury, 2d,	Rev. Charles F. Clarke.
Westwood, Islington,	Mrs. Mary Pettigrew.
Weymouth, 1st, Heights,	Rev. Robert R. Kendall, Miss Ellen G. Parrott.
" Old South, So.,	Rev. Henry C. Alvord, Francis H. Fearing.
" and Braintree,	Rev. Henry S. Snyder, Miss Sarah M. Loud.
" Union, South,	Rev. Frank E. Butler, Dea. Walter L. Bates.
" East,	Isaac N. Colby.
Whitman,	Rev. Edward C. Camp, Dea. A. H. Gurney.
Wilbraham, North,	Rev. Charles H. Gates.
Williamsburg,	Miss Genevra Hill.
Winchendon, 1st,	Rev. S. Winchester Adriance.
" North,	Rev. Davis Foster.
Woburn,	Deaconess Mrs. Jessie A. Brown.
Worcester, 1st,	Rev. Arcturus Z. Conrad.
" Central,	Daniel M. Wheeler.
" Union,	Dea. A. E. Wilson.
" Plymouth,	Dea. Henry Biglow.
" Piedmont,	Rev. Willard Scott, Dea. B. T. Pettengill.
" *Swedish*, 1st,	Rev. August L. Anderson.
" Pilgrim,	Rev. Alexander Lewis, Arthur E. Gray.
" Park,	Rev. Inman L. Willcox, Ezra Sawyer.
" Hope,	Rev. Ellsworth W. Phillips.
Yarmouth,	Miss Alice Matthews.

DELEGATES FROM THE CONFERENCES.

Andover,	Dea. James G. Buttrick, Lowell.
Brookfield,	Rev. Silvanus Hayward, Globe Village.
" South,	Dea. William Stephens.
Hampden,	Dea. Frank P. Searle.
Hampshire,	A. Lyman Williston.
Middlesex, Union,	Rev. Joseph Torrey.
Norfolk,	Nathaniel W. Treat.
Old Colony,	Rev. William Carruthers.
Pilgrim,	Rev. D. Melancthon James.
Suffolk, West,	Rev. John O. Haarvig.

Woburn,	Sidney A. Bull.
Worcester, Central,	Dea. George C. Newton, Worcester.
" North,	Mrs. B. S. Gilman.
" South,	William E. Fowler.

DELEGATES FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Andover,	Rev. William A. Bartlett.
Brookfield,	Rev. Benson M. Frink.
Cape Cod,	Rev. Edward T. Ford.
Essex, North,	Rev. George L. Todd.
Mendon,	Rev. Benjamin F. Perkins.
Middlesex, South,	Rev. Daniel E. Adams.
Norfolk,	Rev. Isaac C. White.
Plymouth,	Rev. Charles S. Bates.
Suffolk, North,	Rev. Edward G. Porter.
" West,	Rev. Samuel W. Dike.
Taunton,	Rev. S. Hopkins Emery.
Woburn,	Rev. Doremus Scudder.
Worcester, Central,	Rev. John E. Tuttle.
" North,	Rev. Burton S. Gilman.

DELEGATES FROM HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Elijah Horr, Brookline.
Rev. Joshua Coit, Winchester.

MEMBERS, EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, secretary.
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, assistant secretary.
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, registrar.
Rev. James W. Flagg, assistant registrar.
Henry P. Emerson, treasurer.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Charles E. Swett, Winchester.
Albert E. Harwood, Newton.

A quorum being present the Association proceeded to ballot for moderator for the session and made choice of Mr. John L. Brewster, of Andover, who was welcomed to the office by the retiring moderator. The moderator responded and asked the Association to join with him in the Lord's Prayer.

On motion of Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale, it was

Voted, to adopt the amendment to Rule V. proposed last year by Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield, as follows: —

"Each evangelical Congregational church in the State may send to the Association one delegate, and each conference and each association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar and treasurer, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports, shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit."

The report of the secretary, Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale, was presented and accepted.[1] It was

Voted, That the committee on nominations be appointed by the chair.

The report of the treasurer, H nry P. Emerson, of Lynn, was presented,[2] followed by the report of the auditing committee, presented by Charles E. Swett, of Winchester. It was

Voted, That the reports of the treasurer and of the auditing committee be accepted.

An address of welcome was given by Rev. Alan B. Hudson, pastor of the church entertaining the Association. Response was made by the moderator. The hymn, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was sung. The moderator appointed the following committee on nominations: Thomas Todd, of Concord; Rev. Fred H. Page, of Lawrence; Rev. James F. Brodie, of Salem; Rev. Davis Foster, of Winchendon; Charles E. Swett, of Winchester.

On motion of Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton, it was

Voted, That the reports of the several committees be received in the order given upon the program and each be allowed ten minutes.

The moderator then called for the report of the committee on Sunday observance. No response was made, and the report on the wider circulation of religious literature was presented by Rev. F. B. Makepeace, of Springfield. This report was accepted.

The report of the committee on ministerial standing was presented by Rev. F. B. Makepeace.

The report of the committee on labor organizations was presented by James G. Buttrick, of Lowell.[3]

The report of the committee on gambling was presented by Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale.[4]

Before hearing the next report the committee on nominations recommended the following as the committee of arrangements: Rev. Alan B. Hudson, of Brockton; George E. Keith, of Brockton; Rev. John E. Tuttle, of Worcester; Hon. Samuel L. Sawyer, of Danvers; Rev. L. H. Blake, of Westfield. These nominations were confirmed.

The report of the committee on temperance was then presented by Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain.[5] Discussion followed, participated in by Rev. H. H. Leavitt, of Somerville, Rev. William L. Tenney, of North Adams, Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield, Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain.

[1] See page 84. [2] See page 87. [3] See page 107. [4] See page 98. [5] See page 101.

On motion of Rev. George L. Todd, of Merrimac, it was

Voted, That the reports of the committees on ministerial standing, labor organizations, gambling and temperance lie upon the table for further consideration.

Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield, presented a resolution to amend Rule XV., Section 1, by substituting "April 15th" for "April 1st."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Davis Foster, of Winchendon, after which, at 5.30, the Association took a recess until 7.20 P. M.

Evening Session.

At 7.20 o'clock the Association reassembled, the moderator in the chair. Devotional services were led by Rev. Albert F. Pierce, of Brockton. The sermon was preached by Rev. Edward L. Clark, of Boston, on the theme, "Christ in the Church the Source of the Power;" text, Psa. lxxxiv. 6, 7.

A statement in regard to the needs of the Board of Ministerial Aid was given by Rev. E. C. Ewing, of Danvers, and an offering was made, amounting to $65.96. The administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed, Rev. E. C. Ewing, of Danvers, and Rev. John E. Tuttle, of Worcester, officiating.

After the singing of the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," and the benediction, the Association took a recess, to meet at 8.20 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY.

Morning Session.

At 8.20 o'clock the Association reassembled. A devotional service was led by Rev. Joseph A. Goodrich, of Shelburne. At nine o'clock, the moderator in the chair, the Association was opened with prayer by Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, of Middleboro. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The moderator appointed the following committee on credentials: Rev. H. C. Meserve, of Springfield; A. D. Carter, of Lowell; Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of Southbridge; Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, of Concord; Rev. Wm. L. Tenney, of North Adams.

Rev. Merle A. Breed, of Westboro, presented a resolution upon ministerial standing, which was referred to the business committee. The Association

Voted, To give ten minutes to Rev. Elijah Horr, of Brookline, to present

a statement concerning the work of the "committee of fifteen" appointed by the National Council.

By consent of the Association also four minutes were given to Rev. Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River, to speak upon the John Robinson Memorial church. It was then

Voted, That the recommendations of the National Council of 1898 respecting the John Robinson Memorial church be referred to the business committee for consideration and report.

Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale, moved that a committee be nominated to act with the "committee of fifteen" of the National Council. Referred to the business committee. It was

Voted, To take up the reports which were laid upon the table yesterday for consideration.

Rev. A. Z. Conrad, of Worcester, spoke on the report of the committee on ministerial standing. It was

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on ministerial standing, adopt its resolutions and continue the committee for one year.

The consideration of the reports on labor organizations, gambling, and temperance was deferred to a later hour.

The report of the committee on the work of the churches was presented by Rev. Stephen G. Barnes, of Longmeadow.[1] This report was accepted and the recommendations and resolutions in the report referred to the business committee.

The report of the committee on labor organizations was taken from the table and accepted and the committee continued.

The report of the committee on gambling was also taken from the table and accepted.

Rev. William Knight, of Fall River, presented the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the report of the committee on temperance be received and referred to a committee with Rev. William H. Davis as chairman, and four others appointed by the nominating committee, to make recommendations during this meeting of the Association as to the disposition of our committee's report and the subject thereof.

The resolution was adopted.

At 10.15 o'clock the theme of the morning, "The Power Obtained," was introduced by Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury, who spoke upon the special topic, "Power Obtained by Meditation."

[1] See page 88.

Before the next address the committee on nominations presented the following for the temperance committee: —

Rev. William H. Davis, of Newton; Albert G. Boyden, of Bridgewater; W. L. Johnson, of Uxbridge; Jessie A. Brown, of Woburn; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem.

Rev. Robert W. Wallace, of Somerville, then continued the theme of the morning, speaking upon "Power obtained by Prayer."[1] After singing the hymn, "My faith looks up to thee," Rev. John L. Withrow, of Boston, spoke upon "Power Obtained by Consecration," followed by Rev. Geo. W. Winch, of Holyoke, upon "Power Obtained by Self-Sacrifice."

On motion of Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale, it was

Voted, That all Congregational clergymen, not pastors of churches, also all members of Congregational churches in the State, not members of the Association, be invited to sit as honorary members of the Association.

The nominating committee reported the following nominations: —

Nominees for membership on the executive committee of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. — Rev. Elijah Horr, of Brookline; W. C. Strong, of Newton Highlands.

Committee on ministerial standing. — Rev. A. Z. Conrad, of Worcester; Rev. Wm. H. Davis, of Newton; Rev. W. A. Bartlett, of Lowell; Rev. Edward A. Reed, of Holyoke; Rev. John A. MacColl, of New Bedford.

Committee on the nomination of candidates for corporate membership of the American Board. — Rev. L. S. Rowland, of Lee; Rev. B. H. Weston, of Barnstable; Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester; George N. Webber, of Northampton; D. W. Willcox, of Medford.

Publishing committee. — Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn; Henry D. Noyes, of Hyde Park; Rev. Perley B. Davis, of Dorchester.

Auditing committee. — Charles E. Swett, of Winchester; J. H. Tewksbury, of Brookline; Rev. Charles M. Southgate, of Auburndale.

These nominations were confirmed.

Mr. Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn, was, by ballot, elected treasurer of the Association for three years.

A resolution was presented by Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson, on human liberty, which was referred to the business committee.

At noon the Association took a recess until 4.30 P. M., or to the close of the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

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[1] See page 111.

Afternoon Session.

At 4.30 o'clock the Association reassembled, the moderator in the chair. The general theme of the afternoon, "The Application of the Power to Instruments of Progress" was introduced by Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Boston, who spoke upon the special topic "To the Press," [1] followed by Hon. Albert E. Harwood, of Newton, speaking upon "To Politics."

A resolution by Rev. W. P. Landers, of Somerville, to amend Rule VI., Sect. 2, was presented and referred to the business committee.

The Association then took a recess until 7.20 P. M.

Evening Session.

The Association reassembled at 7.20 o'clock with the moderator in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. A. Beard, of Cambridge. Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale, presented proposed amendments to Rule VI., Sect. 5, and Rule XI., Sect. 7, which were referred to the business committee.

James G. Buttrick, of Lowell, presented a memorial from the Andover Conference, concerning the support of the Board of Pastoral Supply. Referred to the business committee.

The general theme of the evening, "The Application of the Power to Social Problems," was introduced by Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester, speaking on the special topic "In the Consecration of Wealth." [2] He was followed by Rev. Franke A. Warfield, of Lowell, speaking on "In the Mitigation of Poverty" [3]; also by Prof. George Harris, of Andover, speaking on "In the Reconciliation of Classes." The hymn "Thy Kingdom come, O Lord," was sung. After prayer and the benediction, by Rev. L. H. Blake, of Westfield, the Association took a recess until 8.20 o'clock on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY.

Morning Session.

The Association reassembled at 8.20 A. M. A devotional service was led by Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, of Methuen. At nine o'clock the moderator called the Association to order and offered prayer. The business committee presented the following amendment to the Rules proposed yesterday by Rev. W. P. Landers: —

Resolved, That Rule VI., Sect. 2, be amended so as to read: "A modera-

[1] See page 117. [2] See page 120. [3] See page 125.

tor and alternate shall be elected by ballot at each annual session, to serve from the close of that session and until the election of their successors."

They also recommended that the ballot for moderator and alternate be taken at the business hour at twelve o'clock to-day. The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The business committee also recommended that the Association endorse the effort of the committee upon the John Robinson Memorial church to raise the $5,000 towards extinguishing the indebtedness on the church, and that the pastors and members of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts be urged to assist in this matter as speedily and generously as possible. The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The business committee also recommended that the Association appoint one from each Conference in the State, to be nominated by the nominating committee at this meeting, to act with the "committee of fifteen" appointed by the National Council. This was referred back to the business committee.

The business committee recommended the following amendments to the Rules, proposed yesterday by the Rev. H. A. Hazen: —

Resolved, That Sect. 5 of Rule VI. be amended by the insertion, after the words "disburse the same as directed," of the words "the auditing committee through its chairman"; also that Sect. 7 of Rule XI. be amended by adding the words "and through its chairman approving all bills presented for payment."

These amendments were adopted.

The Association then proceeded to vote, by ballot, for nominees for corporate membership of the American Board. It was

Voted, To extend the business hour to hear and act upon the report of the temperance committee,

which was presented by Rev. W. H. Davis, of Newton, as follows: —

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on temperance wish to express in behalf of the State Association their hearty and honest thanks to the committee appointed last year at Greenfield for their unusual and unwearied labors in this great cause committed to their care. With rare devotion they have given their time, their strength, themselves, to a long continued and legislative battle for improved temperance instruction in the schools of the State; and we record herewith our high appreciation of their painstaking and brave service. And while their efforts have failed in securing a revision of the present temperance laws, yet in the unanimous judgment of your com-

mittee the temperance sentiment of Massachusetts has never received more wide-spread recognition than under the popular enlightenment and aroused moral sense generated by this campaign; so that the moral victory of this temperance crusade may prove more notable than any formal amendment to the existing law.

Therefore we recommend that, under the recent action of the legislative committee and their impressive reaffirmation of the obligatory character of the present temperance law, we wait and watch the result of an awakened public conscience and a rejuvenated temperance law, relying as heretofore upon the loyal co-operation and notable fidelity of the teachers of the Commonwealth in carrying out the spirit of this statute. But lest such a suspension of present activity should seem to surrender our continued interest and vigilance in this great cause, we recommend further that a "committee of outlook" consisting of seven members, representing the home, the school, the legal and medical professions, as well as the churches, be appointed by this Association for the ensuing year.

(Signed) W H. Davis.
Albert G. Boyden.
Wm. L. Johnson.
Jessie A. Brown.
DeWitt S. Clark.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Association voted three minutes to W. E. Fowler, of Grafton, to present a memorial from the Worcester South Conference relating to the method of supporting the Board of Pastoral Supply. Referred to the business committee.

It was

Voted, To accept the invitation of the First church of Amherst to hold there the next annual session of the Association.

The report of the Board of Pastoral Supply was then given by its secretary, Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, and was accepted.[1]

It was

Voted. To act upon the memorials respecting the relation of the Association to the Board of Pastoral Supply, now in the hands of the business committee, as follows: —

The Andover Conference, Hampshire East Conference, and Worcester Central and South Conferences.

It was

Voted, To refer this matter to a special committee to report at the next business hour.

The moderator appointed as this committee: Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, of Methuen; Rev. Franklin C. Hatch, of Monson; Rev. A. J. Dyer, of Sharon.

[1] See page 91.

The auditing committee reported a probable apportionment of six cents per member if the Board of Pastoral Supply is continued, two cents of the six to be applied to the support of the Board.

The general theme of the morning, "The Application of the Power to the World's Problems," was introduced by Rev. Reuen Thomas, of Brookline, who spoke upon the special topic "To International Disarmament," followed by Rev. Philip S. Moxom, of Springfield, speaking upon "To International Responsibility for Christian Civilization." Rev. A. A. Berle, of Brighton, followed, speaking upon "What the Church Owes to the Twentieth Century." [1]

The ballot for candidates for corporate membership of the American Board was then announced, resulting in the nomination of the following: —

Rev. Alexander Lewis, of Worcester; Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn; Miss Abbie Child, of Boston; Miss Caroline Hazard, of Wellesley; Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, of Cambridge.

The report of the special committee appointed to consider the memorials from conferences relating to the Board of Pastoral Supply was then given by Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, of Methuen, as follows: —

Resolved, That this Association approve the institution and work of the Board of Pastoral Supply, and adopt the recommendation embodied in the annual report of the secretary, Rev. C. B. Rice. The Association acknowledges the propriety and force of the several memorials presented to it from a few of our conferences, and we declare the intention to reduce, through the Board and as rapidly as possible, the apportionment of its expenses upon the churches.

We call attention to the fact that the amount apportioned for last year was largely due to the debt contracted in the establishment of the Board, of which debt but $800 remains; and we look forward to the time, not far distant, when this agency shall have attained such efficiency that its support shall be no longer felt by the churches as a burden. The Association further recommends to the Board for its consideration the question of assessing upon ministers a fee for occasional supplies.

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The nominating committee reported the following nominations, which were confirmed: —

Provisional committee, — Rev. Henry R. McCartney and Mr. W. I. Fletcher, of Amherst; Rev. Henry T. Rose, of Northampton; Rev. C. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston.

Trustees of the Board of Pastoral Supply for three years. — Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Center; Henry H. Proctor, of Boston; Henry E. Cobb, of Newton.

[1] See page 128.

Committee on the work of the churches. — For three years: Rev. J. D. Kingsbury, of Bradford; Rev. G. A. Tewksbury, of Concord; E. F. Morris, of Monson. For two years: Rev. S. G. Barnes, of Longmeadow; Rev. F. L. Bristol, of Uxbridge; Geo. H. Shaw, of Middleboro. For one year: Rev. J. Coit, of Winchester; Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Arthur E. Gray, of Worcester.

Committee on temperance. — Rev. W. H. Davis, of Newton; Arthur H. Wellman, of Malden; T. M. Balliet, of Springfield; Francis E. Bundy, M. D., of Boston; Jessie A. Brown, of Woburn.

Committee on labor organizations. — Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Dorchester; Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. E. L. House, of Attleboro; James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; W. L. Spaulding, of Worcester; Rev. Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. F. W. Merrick, of West Roxbury.

Delegates to the International Council. — Lieut.-Gov. W. Murray Crane, of Dalton; Hon. Arthur H. Wellman, of Malden; Rev. Albert H. Plumb, of Roxbury; John L. Brewster, of Andover; Rev. Alexander McKenzie, of Cambridge; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, of Concord; Rev. D. M. James, of Plymouth; Rev. Morton Dexter, of Boston; Pres. Franklin Carter, of Williamstown; Lewis N. Gilbert, of Ware; Charles U. Bell, of Lawrence; Thomas J. Borden, of Fall River; Dwight L. Moody, of Northfield; George W. Cable, of Northampton; Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton; Pres. G. Stanley Hall, of Worcester.

The business committee presented the following resolution: —

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association there should be uniformity as to the body with which ministerial standing rests; and

Resolved, That in Massachusetts ministerial standing be hereafter with the conferences of the churches.

The business committee recommended that these resolutions be referred to the committee on ministerial standing.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

In response to the request of the "committee of fifteen" that a sub-committee of one from each conference to co-operate with them be appointed by this Association, the business committee recommended that this sub-committee be appointed by the local conferences.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

It was

Voted, That the treasurer, with the advice and co-operation of the auditing committee, shall have authority to charge to profit and loss such accounts as are uncollectable on the books of the treasurer.

It was

Voted, To proceed to the election by ballot of a moderator, and alternate.

Rev. Philip S. Moxom, of Springfield, was chosen moderator, and Rev. Charles L. Morgan, of Jamaica Plain, alternate.

It was

Voted, That a committee of three, of which the moderator shall be a member, shall be appointed to send a communication to the American representatives in the arbitration conference now sitting at the Hague, expressing the sympathy of this Association with the object of the conference, and its earnest desire that the conference shall be successful in promoting the permanent peace of the world.

Rev. Philip S. Moxom, of Springfield, Rev. Joshua Coit, of Winchester, and the moderator, were chosen as this committee.

Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield, asked permission to withdraw his resolution to amend Sect. 1 of Rule XV., and it was withdrawn.

The recommendations of the report of the committee on the Work of the Churches were referred back from the business committee, and adopted, as follows: —

That Rule XI., Section 6, second sentence, be amended, so as to read: "This committee shall consist of nine members, three to be chosen each year, to serve for three years. The scribes of the local conferences shall be corresponding members of this committee."

If this amendment is adopted, we recommend that the committee, as now constituted, be discontinued, and that a new committee be chosen under the amended rule, three members to serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years.

The Association then took a recess until 2.20 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at 2.20 o'clock, the moderator in the chair, and united in the Lord's Prayer.

The business committee called attention to the fact that no action had been taken by the Association to continue the committees on gambling, Sunday observance, and the wider circulation of religious literature. It was then

Voted, That such committees be appointed.

The business committee presented the following resolution: —

Resolved, That this body welcomes the news from England relative to the collapse of one of the two Sunday newspapers in the city of London, after an existence of but six weeks, and the expected surrender of the only other seven-days paper published in all England. This is a most gratifying victory for moral reform and should stimulate the friends of the Sabbath in this country, in which several hundred Sunday papers are published.

Resolved, That we commend to the churches of Massachusetts the work of the New England Sabbath Protective League, as worthy their confidence and support.

These resolutions were adopted. It was

Voted, That the provisional committee of next year consider the desirability of introducing upon their program the theme of the "Family and Divorce."

It was also

Voted, That the temperance committee be instructed to include in their report, at the next annual meeting of the Association, a full consideration of the South Carolina dispensary system as a substitute for the licensed saloon.

The auditing committee recommended that, for 1899, the Association ask the churches for the sum of six cents per member. Adopted.

The greetings of this Association to the Peace Conference, now in session at the Hague, were presented by Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, and it was

Voted, To send them by cable.

The following resolutions were then presented by Rev. A. J. Dyer, of Sharon, and were adopted: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to this the first church of Brockton, for its generous and enthusiastic hospitality; to the pastor of this church, Rev. Alan B. Hudson to the corps of ushers, the reception committee, and other officials who have so efficiently attended to the details of our entertainment; to the organist and choir who have contributed so markedly to the pleasure and spiritual profit of our sessions; to the other churches of Brockton, and to the citizens of this city who have so kindly opened their homes for our rest and comfort; to Mr. George E. Keith, and to all others who have extended kindness and courtesies.

Resolved, That we express our cordial thanks to our efficient moderator, Mr. John L. Brewster, to the scribe, registrar, and other officers of the Association; to the provisional committee for their success in furnishing a program that has raised the interest and value of our session above even high-water mark; to the railroads who have kindly granted the usual reduced rates; and to the local press for its generous recognition and full reports of the proceedings and addresses.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this Association, and that a copy of them be presented to the first church in Brockton.

It was

Voted, That the matter of the decrease of attendance in the Sunday

schools of our churches during the past year be referred to the committee on the work of the churches.

The general theme of the afternoon, "The Application of the Power to the Twentieth Century," was introduced by Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, of Greenfield, who spoke on the special topic "What the Twentieth Century owes to the Church."[1] He was followed by Rev. Arthur Little, of Dorchester, who spoke upon "A Forward Movement for the Evangelization of the World."

The committee on nominations reported the following: —

On Sunday observance. — Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury; Rev. John E. Tuttle, of Worcester; Rev. Arthur Little, of Dorchester; Rev. R. A. McFadden, of Chelsea; Joseph Willett, of Needham.

On gambling. — Rev. C. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. C. M. Southgate, of Auburndale; Rev. Isaac Pierson, of Medford; S. Homer Woodbridge, of Boston; Rev. William Gallagher, of South Braintree; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Center; S. K. Hamilton, of Wakefield.

On the wider circulation of religious literature. — Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, of Greenfield; Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, of Cohasset; H. Porter Smith, of Cambridge; Rev. Warren P. Landers, of Somerville; Hamilton S. Conant, of Boston.

These nominations were confirmed.

The committee on credentials presented the following report: —

Whole number of delegates present	344
Clergymen	205
Lay delegates	139
Number of churches represented	225
By pastors	172
By others	144
Number of conferences represented	13
By clergymen	5
By others	18
Number of associations represented	15

Closing words were spoken by Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, of Brockton.

After the singing of a hymn, and prayer offered by Rev. W. H. Davis, of Newton, the Association adjourned.

JOHN L. BREWSTER, *moderator.*
REV. FRANCIS J. MARSH, *registrar.*
REV. JAMES W. FLAGG, *assistant registrar.*

[1] See page 133.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

The tables which follow comprise: —

1. The list of Conferences, with the times of meeting and names of officers.

2. The statistics of pastoral supply, membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sabbath schools, and families; of the Young People's Societies; those of charities and expenses. The tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the YEAR-BOOK.

3. The statistics of ministers, lists of ordinations, installations, dismissals, and deaths.

The tables of the second part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabetically; churches in each town according to age.

The column specifying ministers is corrected up to the time of printing. Church members and families are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1899. Admissions, removals, and baptisms cover the year 1898. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of teachers and scholars, Jan. 1, 1899, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church

The months and days in the dates of the organization of churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of churches since organized given in the list of new churches each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the lists of the local Associations, pages 63-83.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "*p. c.*"; pastors duly called by their churches and recognized by some "definite act of the church," but not by council, are marked "*p.*"; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of *ministers* do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the convenience of those who note changes.

☞ All *post-office addresses* are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES.

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THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES.

1. ANDOVER. — Organized June 8, 1859.

CHURCHES. — In Andover: South; West; Free; Union, Ballardvale; Theological Seminary. In Chelmsford: 2d at North; Central. In Dracut: 1st; Central. In Lawrence: Lawrence Street; Trinity; South; United; Riverside. In Lowell: Pawtucket; 1st; Eliot; John Street; Kirk Street; High Street; *French;* Highland; *Swedish; Trinitarian; Norwegian.* Methuen. North Andover. Tewksbury. Tyngsboro. Total: 29 churches.

Albert W. Burnham, Lowell, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Edward W. Pride, Andover, *statistical secretary.* Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in October.

2. BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 28, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Barnstable: West; Centreville; Hyannis. Chatham. In Dennis: South; Union. In Falmouth: 1st; East; North; Waquoit; Woods Holl. Harwich; Harwich Port. Nantucket. Orleans. Provincetown. Sandwich. In Truro: 1st; North In Wellfleet: 1st; South. In Yarmouth: 1st; West. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. John J. Walker, Yarmouth, *scribe, treasurer.* Conference meets on second Tuesdays in May and November.

3. BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 3, 1867.

CHURCHES. — Adams. Becket, North. Dalton. Hinsdale. Lanesboro. Middlefield. North Adams. Peru. In Pittsfield: 1st; 2d; South Pilgrim. Richmond. In Williamstown: 1st; College; South; White Oaks. Windsor. (Canaan and New Lebanon, N. Y.) Total: 18 churches.

Deacon George French, North Adams, *secretary and treasurer.* Annual meeting, second Wednesday in November; semi-annual, second Wednesday in May.

4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug. 29, 1860.

CHURCHES. — Becket Centre. Egremont South. In Great Barrington: 1st; Housatonic. Lee. Lenox. Monterey. Mount Washington. In New Marlboro: 1st; Southfield; Mill River. Otis. In Sandisfield: 1st; New Boston. Sheffield. In Stockbridge: 1st; Curtisville. In West Stockbridge: Village; Centre. Total: 19 churches.

Bennett T. Gale, Lee, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, *statistical secretary.* Annual meeting in November.

5. BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE. — Organized June 13, 1821.

CHURCHES. — Barre. Brimfield. Brookfield. Charlton. Dana. Dudley. In Hardwick: 1st; Gilbertville. Holland. New Braintree. In North Brookfield: 1st; Union. Oakham. Southbridge. Spencer. Sturbridge. In Ware: 1st; East; *French.* In Warren: 1st; West. West Brookfield. Total: 22 churches.

Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Brookfield, *scribe and treasurer.*

Meetings: annual, first Tuesday in May, 2 days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, 1 day.

6. ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized April 30, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Amesbury: 1st; Union. Boxford, West. In Bradford: 1st; Ward Hill. Georgetown: 1st; Memorial. Groveland. In Haverhill: West; 4th; Centre; North; Riverside; Union; St. Johns, *French*. In Ipswich: 1st; Linebrook. Merrimac. In Newbury: 1st; Byfield. In Newburyport: North; Prospect Street; Belleville; Whitefield. Rowley. In West Newbury: 1st; 2d. Total: 27 churches.

Rev. David C. Torrey, Byfield, *scribe*. Rev. John N. Lowell, Haverhill, *statistical secretary and treasurer*. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

7. ESSEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Beverly: North; Dane Street; Washington Street. Boxford. In Danvers: 1st; Maple Street. Essex. In Gloucester: West; Trinity; Lanesville; Magnolia. Hamilton. Ipswich South. In Lynn: 1st; Central; Chestnut Street; North; *Swedish*. In Lynnfield: Centre; 2d. Manchester. Marblehead. Middleton. In Peabody: South; Rockville; West. In Rockport: 1st; Pigeon Cove; *Swedish*. In Salem: Tabernacle; South; Crombie Street. Saugus: 1st, and Cliftondale. Swampscott. Topsfield. Wenham. Total: 37 churches.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. E. C. Ewing, Danvers, *statistical scribe*. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

8. FRANKLIN CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 10, 1843.

CHURCHES. — Ashfield. Bernardston. Buckland. In Charlemont: 1st; East. Colerain. Conway. In Deerfield: South; Orthodox. Erving. Gill. In Greenfield: 1st; 2d. In Hawley: East; West; Leverett, Moore's Corner. In Montague: 1st; Miller's Falls; Turner's Falls. Northfield. Orange: Central; *Swedish*. In Shelburne: 1st; Falls. Shutesbury. Sunderland. Warwick. Wendell Centre. Whately. Total: 29 churches.

Rev. Edward P. Butler, Sunderland, *scribe and treasurer*. Conference meets second Wednesday and Thursday in September.

9. HAMPDEN CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 4, 1850.

CHURCHES. — In Agawam: Feeding Hills; 2d. Blandford: 1st; 2d. In Chester: 1st; 2d. In Chicopee: 1st; 2d; 3d. In Granville: East; West. Hampden. In Holyoke: 1st; 2d; *French*. Huntington, 2d. In Longmeadow: 1st; East. In Ludlow: 1st; Mills. Monson. In Palmer: 1st; 2d; Three Rivers. South Hadley Falls. Southwick. In Springfield: 1st; Olivet; South; North; Indian Orchard; Sandford st.; Hope; *French*; Eastern Avenue; Emmanuel; Park; *Swedish*. Faith. Tolland. In Westfield: 1st; 2d. In West Springfield: 1st; Mittineague; Park st. In Wilbraham: Centre; North. Total, 47 churches.

Rev. Henry C. Meserve, Springfield, *scribe*. Frank P. Searle, Westfield, *treasurer*. Conference meets last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

10. HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE. — Organized February, 1865.

CHURCHES. — Chesterfield. In Cummington: East; West. In Easthampton: 1st; Payson. Goshen. Hatfield. Huntington 1st. In Northampton: 1st;

Edwards; Florence. Plainfield. Southampton. Westhampton. In Williamsburg: 1st; Haydenville. Worthington. Total: 17 churches.

W. M. Purrington, Haydenville, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. A. C. Townsend, Westhampton, *statistical secretary.* Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the executive committee.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 13, 1860.

CHURCHES. — In Amherst: 1st; 2d; College; North; South. Belchertown. Enfield. Granby. Greenwich. In Hadley: 1st; 2d. Leverett. In Pelham: 1st; Packardville. Prescott. South Hadley, 1st. Total: 16 churches.

Dea. M. B. Kingman, Amherst, *registrar and treasurer.* Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, *statistical secretary.* Semi-annual meeting, last Tuesday in April; annual, third Tuesday in October.

12. MENDON CONFERENCE. — Organized April 12, 1858.

CHURCHES. — Foxboro. Franklin. Mansfield. Medfield. In Medway: Village; West; 3d. Milford. Millis. Norfolk. Walpole. Wrentham. Total: 12 churches.

Rev. James W. Flagg, Foxboro, *scribe and treasurer.* Conference meets third Wednesday of April and October.

13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug. 20, 1828.

CHURCHES. — Ashland. Dover. In Framingham: Plymouth; Saxonville; South. Holliston. Hopkinton. Hudson. Lincoln. In Marlboro: 1st; *French.* Maynard. In Natick: 1st; South. Northboro. Sherborn. In Southboro: Pilgrim; Southville. Sudbury. Wayland. Wellesley. Total: 21 churches.

Rev. Edward H. Chandler, Wellesley, *scribe and treasurer.* Meetings, third Tuesdays of April and October.

14. MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1853.

CHURCHES. — Acton: 1st; South. Ashby. Ayer. Boxboro. Concord. Dunstable. In Fitchburg: Calvinist; Rollstone; *German; Swedish.* Groton: 1st; West. Harvard. Lancaster. In Leominster: Centre; North. Littleton. Lunenburg. Pepperell. Shirley Village. Townsend. Westford. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Joel D. Miller, Leominster, *scribe and treasurer.* Annual meeting, third Wednesday in October. Spring meeting in April.

15. NORFOLK CONFERENCE. — Organized June 14, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Abington: 1st; North. In Braintree: 1st; South. In Bridgewater: Central Square; Scotland. In Brockton: 1st; Campello; Porter Evan.; *Swedish;* Waldo; Wendell av.; Lincoln. In Cohasset: Evangelical; Beechwood. East Bridgewater. In Easton: 1st; *Swedish.* In Hingham: 1st; Nantasket. Holbrook. In Milton: 1st; 2d. In Quincy: Evangelical; Washington st., *Swedish.* Norfolk Downs. Randolph. Rockland. Sharon. Stoughton. In Weymouth: 1st; 2d, South; Landing; Union, South; North; East. Whitman. Total: 38 churches.

Rev. A. H. Fuller, Easton Center, *scribe.* Dea. Sanford W. Billings, Sharon, *treasurer.* Rev. R. R. Kendall, Weymouth Heights, *statistical secretary.* Meetings first Tuesday in May, and last Tuesday in October.

16. OLD COLONY CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept. 23, 1856.

CHURCHES. — Dartmouth South. Edgartown. Fairhaven. Lakeville. Marion. Mattapoisett. In Middleboro: 1st; Central. In New Bedford: 1st; North; Trinitarian. In Rochester: 1st; North; East. Wareham. Westport. West Tisbury. Total: 17 churches.

Rev. William Carruthers, 89 Suffolk st., Holyoke, *scribe and treasurer*. Conference meets for a two-days session the third Tuesday in April and the last Tuesday in October.

17. PILGRIM CONFERENCE. — Organized April 27, 1830.

CHURCHES. — Carver North. Duxbury. Halifax. In Hanover: 1st; 2d. Hanson. Kingston. In Marshfield: 1st; 2d. In Plymouth: Manomet; Pilgrimage; Chiltonville. Plympton. Scituate. Total: 14 churches.

Rev. John Wild, Hanover, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. Zenas Crowell, Kingston, *statistical secretary*. Conference meets in April and October, for two-days session each.

18. SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — Arlington. In Boston: 1st and Winthrop, Charlestown; Maverick, East Boston; Mt. Vernon and Seamen's; E. Boston, Baker. In Cambridge: 1st; 1st Cambridgeport; North Avenue; Pilgrim, Wood Memorial, and Hope, Cambridgeport. In Chelsea: 1st; Central; 3d. In Everett: 1st; Courtland st.; Mystic Side. In Revere: 1st; Beachmont. In Somerville: 1st; Broadway; West; Prospect Hill; Winter Hill; Highlands. Winthrop. Total: 28 churches.

Frank E. Hodgkins, 428 Broadway, Somerville, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. Samuel M. Cathcart, Chelsea, *statistical secretary*. Meetings on the second Wednesdays of April and October.

19. SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — In Boston: Dorchester, 2d; Union; Phillips, South Boston; Dorchester Village; Eliot, Roxbury; West Roxbury; Central and Boylston, Jamaica Plain; Immanuel, Roxbury; Trinity, Neponset; Pilgrim, Dorchester; Highland and Walnut Avenue, Roxbury; Olivet; Harvard and Central, Dorchester; Roslindale; St. Marks. Canton. Dedham. In Hyde Park: 1st; Clarendon. Norwood. In Quincy: Atlantic; Wollaston Heights. East Walpole. Westwood, Islington. Total: 27 churches.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Neponset, *scribe*. E. S. Hathaway, Hyde Park, *treasurer*. Harry G. Dixon, Neponset, *statistical secretary*. Meetings on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

20. SUFFOLK WEST CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 17, 1873.

CHURCHES. — In Belmont: Waverly. In Boston: Old South; Park st.; Berkeley Temple; Brighton; Central; Shawmut; Allston; *Norwegian* and *Swedish*. Brookline: Harvard; Leyden. Needham. In Newton: 1st, Newton Center; 2d, West Newton; Eliot; Auburndale; Nonantum; Central, Newtonville; Highlands. Waltham: 1st; *Swedish*. Watertown. Wellesley Hills. Weston. Total: 25 churches.

Rev. Parris T. Farwell, Wellesley Hills, *recording and statistical secretary*. Benjamin F. Dewing, 11 Milford Street, Boston, *treasurer*. Meetings, second Wednesdays of April and October.

21. TAUNTON CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 2, 1849.

CHURCHES. — Attleboro. Berkley. Dighton. In Fall River: 1st; Central; 3d; *French;* Broadway. Assonet in Freetown. Lakeville. Middleboro North. North Attleboro: 1st; Falls; Trinity. Norton. In Raynham: 1st; North. Rehoboth. Somerset. In Taunton: West; Trinitarian; Winslow; East; Union. Total: 24 churches.

Rev. Elwin L. House, Dorchester, *scribe.* Thomas Chew, Box 460, Fall River, *treasurer.* Conference holds two sessions annually of one day each, in the spring and fall.

22. WOBURN CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept 5, 1848.

CHURCHES. — Bedford. Billerica. Burlington. Carlisle. Hancock, Lexington. In Malden: 1st; Maplewood; Linden. In Medford: Mystic; West; South. In Melrose: 1st; Highlands. North Reading. Reading. Stoneham. Wakefield. Wilmington. Winchester. In Woburn: 1st; North; *Scandinavian;* Montvale. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Isaac Pierson, Medford, *scribe and treasurer.* Meetings on the last Tuesdays of April and October.

23. WORCESTER CENTRAL CONFERENCE. — Organized April 28, 1852

CHURCHES. — Auburn. Berlin. Boylston. Clinton: 1st; *German;* Holden. Leicester. Oxford. Paxton. Princeton. Rutland Shrewsbury. Sterling. West Boylston. In Worcester: Old South; Central; Union; Summer st.; Plymouth; Piedmont; *Swedish;* Pilgrim; Park; Covenant; Hope; Lake View; Belmont; Bethany; *Armenian;* Immanuel; *Swedish,* 2*d,* Adams Square. Total: 31 churches.

Rev. Geo. S. Dodge, Worcester, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, *statistical secretary.* Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following third Monday in October.

24. WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 24, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Ashburnham: 1st; North. Athol. Baldwinville. Gardner. Hubbardston. New Salem. In Orange: North. Petersham. Phillipston. In Royalton: 1st; South. Templeton. Westminster. In Winchendon: 1st; North. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. Davis Foster, Winchendon, *scribe.* Meetings in October and June.

25. WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized June 17, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Blackstone: 1st; Millville. In Douglas: 1st; East. In Grafton: 1st; Saundersville. In Millbury: 1st; 2d. In Northbridge: 1st; Whitinsville; Rockdale. Sutton. Upton. Uxbridge. Webster. Westboro. Total: 17 churches.

Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, *scribe.* Dea. Amos Armsby, Millbury, *treasurer.* Meetings on fourth Wednesdays of April and October.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Abington,	1712	F.D. Hunt, Whitman,				51	112	163	30	1	6	7	0	1	0	1	0	1
" North,	1839	Dea. Cyrus Orcutt,	George Benedict, *p.*	'86	'97	24	57	81	18	0	2	2	4	3	1	8	0	0
Acton,	1832	Horace F. Tuttle,	Bernard Copping, *p. c.*	'78	'94	27	58	85	25	3	2	5	4	0	0	4	1	2
" South,	1893	Edgar I. Banks,	Wilson R. Buxton, *p. c.*	'94	'94	23	49	72	6	3	4	7	1	0	0	1	3	0
Adams,	1840	Dea. E. W. Streeter,	Alford B. Penniman, *p. c.*	'83	'94	139	263	402	25	9	6	15	7	4	0	11	0	0
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762	Miss Julia A. Bailey,	Frank L. Garfield, *p. c.*	'93	'92	16	37	53	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
"	1819	Mrs. C. L. Hayward,	Walter Rice, *p. c.*	'65	'92	86	98	184	51	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	1	0
Amesbury, Main st.,	1831	Joseph Batchelder,	George L. Richmond, *p. c.*	'83	'90	142	247	389	47	2	6	8	6	7	0	13	1	2
" Union,	1835	Miss Lois L. Fifield,	George W. Christie, *p.*	'73	'91	21	81	102	22	1	1	2	5	0	0	5	0	0
Amherst, 1st,	1739	J. A. Rawson,	Henry R. McCartney, *p. c.*	'87	'98	125	310	435	62	0	11	11	11	8	0	19	0	5
" 2d,	1782	Herbert Sabin,	Chester W. Hawley, *p.*	'61	'98	46	114	160	36	0	6	6	3	1	0	4	0	0
" College,	1826	William I. Fletcher,	Henry P. Smith, *p.*	'75	'98	214	61	275	185	4	8	12	3	15	0	18	3	0
" North,	1826	Miss M. E. Harrington,	Eber W. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'73	'90	71	159	230	23	1	0	1	2	4	9	15	1	2
" South,	1858	Miss M. L. Dana,	John F. Gleason, *p.*	'73	'95	63	95	158	15	0	2	2	1	6	0	7	0	2
Andover, South,	1711	Myron E. Gutterson,	Frank R. Shipman, *p. c.*	'93	'93	99	249	348	67	7	16	23	5	13	0	18	2	11
" West,	1826	Arthur T. Bountwell,	George A. Andrews, *p. c.*	'99	'99	85	158	243	44	7	0	7	5	6	0	11	4	0
" Free,	1846	Charles B. Baldwin,	Frederick A. Wilson, *p. c.*	'82	'89	96	265	361	90	8	4	12	8	6	0	14	0	9
" Ballardvale,	1854	William Shaw,	Edwin Smith, *p.*	'65	'99	30	74	104	28	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Seminary,	1865	Prof. Egbert C. Smyth,	The Professors,			87	108	195	40	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1
Arlington,	1842	Elbert L. Churchill,	Samuel C. Bushnell, *p. c.*	'79	'90	81	190	271	24	1	4	5	3	2	0	5	1	4
" Heights,	1899		Alfred E Stembridge, *p.*	'92	'99	22	32	54		2	52	54	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ashburnham, 1st,	1760	Fred. D. Lane,	Nathan T. Dyer, *p.*	'78	'97	34	76	110	28	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0
" North,	1843																	
Ashby,	1776	Horace S. Brooks,	Herbert W. Boyd, *p.*	'86	'97	65	112	177	38	6	1	7	4	2	4	10	5	3
Ashfield,	1763	John M. Sears,				65	117	182	14	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	3
Ashland,	1835	Dea. Edward Perry,	George W. Lawrence, *p.*	'88	'98	27	59	86	26	0	2	2	0	6	1	7	0	4
Athol,	1830	C. R. Wood,	Rolla S. Bugbee, *p.*	'76	'97	85	230	315	44	27	1	28	11	7	0	18	24	1
Attleboro',	1748	Dea. A. Vinton Cobb,	Wilson S. Fritch, *p.*	'93	'99	128	357	485	30	9	7	16	5	4	0	9	3	0
Auburn,	1776	William F. Stone,	Charles M. Pierce, *p.*	'63	'90	44	79	123	40	9	0	9	2	1	0	3	8	2
Ayer,	1861	Miss Clara E. Blood,	Horace F. Hallett, *p.*	'91	'94	21	64	85	22	0	1	1	5	3	0	8	0	0
Barnstable, West,	1616	Rev. Edgar B. French,	Edgar B. French, *p.*	'97	'97	18	43	61	17	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	2
" Centreville,	1840	Miss Nellie B. Kelley,	Bartlett H. Weston, *p.*	'90	'98	10	39	49	12	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	2
" Hyannis,	1854	Dea. W. A. Perry,	Edgar C. Wheeler,	'96	'99	9	29	38	3	3	7	10	1	2	0	3	2	1
Barre,	1827	C. S. Root, Barre Plains,	Joseph F. Gaylord. *p. c.*	'67	'79	46	112	158	31	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	1	3
Becket, Center,	1758	Mrs. L. O. Ellsworth,	Charles O. Eames, *p.*	'97	'97	7	16	23	3	6	1	7	1	0	0	1	2	0
" North,	1849	Dea. Jarvis Norcutt,	Charles O. Eames, *p*	'97	'97	34	62	96	31	10	2	12	2	2	2	6	9	0
Bedford,	1730		[Frank B. McAllister, *Lic.*]		'99	65	125	190	50	3	3	6	3	1	0	4	2	4
Belchertown,	1737	C. B. Southick,				64	143	207	55	0	4	4	3	0	1	4	0	6

Acushnet, *see* New Bedford. Assonet, *see* Freetown. Atlantic, *see* Quincy. Attleboro Falls, *see* N. Attleboro. Auburndale, *see* Newton.
Baldwinville, *see* Templeton. Ballardvale, *see* Andover. Beechwood, *see* Cohasset.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Abington,	W. S. O'Brien,	255	110	150	35	$141	$6	$5	$70	$20	$20	$5	$35	$302	$ 0	1,927
" North,	Wm. C. Brett,	118	70	100	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,150
Acton,	Horace F. Tuttle,	85	59	100	45	25	3	5	35	10	5	4	30	117	400	5,000
" South,	William F. Hale,	104	65	70	50	41	0	0	7	0	0	0	29	77	0	1,280
Adams,	W. B. Plunkett,	600	430	350	0	148	13	0	135	0	0	0	150	446	0	6,500
Agawam,	Rev. F. L. Garfield,	53	34	52	20	52	12	16	13	13	14	0	7	127	0	800
"	W. H. Porter,	125	94	98	82	95	30	0	39	14	37	0	35	250	0	1,152
Amesbury,	Thomas Clark,	265	172	300	42	316	6	9	130	75	6	67	104	713	0	3,531
"	Mrs. George Crowther,	138	81	120	60	50	13	4	38	16	15	5	72	213	0	1,423
Amherst, 1st,	J. W. Fairbanks,	216	144	250	107	413	18	37	243	74	15	38	0	838	0	3,807
" 2d,	C. W. Hawley,	154	74	100	74	16	0	0	2	37	0	0	0	55	0	1,000
" College,						766	20	0	247	52	0	0	45	1,130	0	0
" North,	H. A. Parsons,	189	112	120	86	104	20	12	121	67	20	11	21	376	0	1,450
" South,	G. O. Hannum,	160	108	90	69	200	8	7	190	16	52	0	65	538	0	1,230
Andover, South,	Charles H. Gilbert,	m397	247	265	119	792	78	67	703	488	42	0	348	2,518	0	3,785
" West,	Edward F. Abbott,	90	50	90	41	109	0	0	79	74	0	0	0	262	0	1,450
" Free,	J. Newton Cole,	262	180	200	114	100	54	33	186	71	22	0	136	602	0	2,880
" Ballardvale,	William Shaw,	130	90	65	100	151	39	68	172	87	40	25	218	800	0	1,100
" Seminary,	Matthew S. McCurdy,	48	30	67	0	766	99	0	621	138	29	27	39	1,719	0	506
Arlington,	R. Walter Hilliard,	310	185	250	90	194	63	60	142	78	60	32	480	1,109	0	4,234
" Heights,		128	90	150	44											
Ashburnh'm, 1st,	Fred D. Lane,	111	66	100	63	18	0	14	0	23	25	0	21	101	0	1,400
" North.																
Ashby,	Walter J. Smith,	155	74	77	74	24	25	15	31	36	16	0	77	224	0	1,202
Ashfield,	Dr. F. N. Smith, Buckland,	125	75	125	35	89	17	10	83	25	9	10	112	355	100	1,100
Ashland,	Dea. Edward Perry,	100	50	100	40	16	12	0	10	8	11	0	21	78	0	1,070
Athol,	Daniel P. Kimball,	315	176	220	118	167	0	0	160	69	0	0	123	519	0	2,000
Attleboro',	William E. Coles,	478	297	400	95	273	47	65	247	66	57	2	705	1,462	0	3,678
Auburn,	Mrs. Julia F. Bancroft,	125	73	86	41	75	0	0	40	52	0	0	43	210	0	1,059
Ayer,	Miss Rosa Smith,	116	53	87	48	23	0	0	59	0	3	0	13	98	0	1,803
Barnstable, W.,	Dea. P. H. Robinson, E. Sandwich,	85	35	80	44	22	0	5	20	5	16	0	51	119	0	700
" Centreville,	Mrs. C. E. Whitford,	88	69	50	23	5	0	0	15	5	12	0	0	37	0	578
" Hyannis,	Mrs. George T. Taylor,	60	40		48	10	2	2	41	2	2	0	10	69	0	1,800
Barre,	Charles G. Allen,	145	60	110	51	389	21	20	174	173	11	0	0	788	0	1,750
Becket, Center,	Francis Alderman,	35	31	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	304
" North,	George L. Johnson,	81	59	40	0	31	6	0	18	12	0	0	15	82	0	1,800
Bedford,	Wallace G. Webber,	193	135	147	64	125	0	0	69	10	5	0	118	327	0	1,800
Belchertown,	F. L. Stebbins,	195	187	140	70	51	0	0	22	22	32	0	3	130	0	1,268

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Belmont, **Waverley,**	1865	Robert C. Claus,	George P. Gilman, *p.*	'72	'83	27	48	75	16	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
Berkley,	1737	Dea. Rollin H. Babbitt,	Franklin K. Beem, *p. c.*	'95	'94	26	53	79	14	1	1	2	0	5	0	5	1	0
Berlin,	1779	William S. Eager,	[Arthur P. Pratt, *Lic.*]		'99	25	54	79	23	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0
Bernardston,	1824	Dea. Henry Slate,	David H. Strong, *p.*	'85	'88	25	42	67	10	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	1	0
Beverly, North,	1715	Charles S. Brown,	[Ernest C. Waring, *Meth.*]	'97	'98	19	43	62	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
" Dane st.,	1802	Louis H. Baker,				135	315	450	30	5	7	12	7	1	0	+8	4	3
" Washington st.,	1837	William A. Lefavour,	Edward F. Sanderson, *p.c.*	'99	'99	66	168	234	44	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0
Billerica,	1829	Rev. Daniel W. Hardy,	Daniel W. Hardy, *p.*	'74	'93	31	55	86	9	0	2	2	1	0	0	+1	0	0
Blackstone,	1841	Calvin H. Lee,	Walter H. Rollins, *p.*	'98	'98	13	29	42	8	2	4	6	0	2	0	2	1	3
" Millville,	1891	Arthur Westberg,	[Axel T. Monson, *Lic.*]		'98	9	5	14	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Blandford, 1st,	1735	Charles B. Hayden,	Allan C. Ferrin, *p. c.*	'96	'96	24	62	86	20	0	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0
" **North,**	1893	Mrs. Emeline C. Pease,	Allan C. Ferrin, *p.*	'96	'96	8	33	41	3	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	2	0
Boston, **Charlestown,**	1632	Gardner Bates,	Charles H. Pope, *p.*	'65	'96	36	114	150	87	4	2	6	3	4	24	31	1	0
" Old South,	1669	J. Converse Gray,	George A. Gordon, *p. c.*	'77	'84	227	462	689	0	13	26	39	17	12	0	29	2	2
" 2d, **Dorchester,**	1808	William D. Brigham,	Arthur Little, *p. c.*	'63	'89	234	459	693	75	11	17	28	10	8	2	20	1	12
" Park st.,	1809	William E. Swift,	[John L. Withrow, *Pres.*]		'98	327	524	851	200	0	0	0	13	11	0	24	0	0
" Union,	1822	Charles W. Jones,	Samuel L. Loomis, *p. c.*	'80	'96	161	360	521	0	9	19	28	9	6	5	20	2	1
" Phillips, **South,**	1823	Dea. W. B. Bancroft,	Charles A. Dinsmore, *p.c.a*	'85	'96	193	528	721	100	17	17	34	9	17	0	26	2	10
" Berkeley Temple,	1827	Miss I. Burnham,	Charles A. Dickinson, *p.c.b*	'79	'88	425	778	1203	415	27	25	52	3	53	0	56	8	15
" **Brighton,**	1827	Elbra S. Barker,	Adolph A. Berle, *p. c.*	'87	'91	76	164	240		5	9	14	1	1	0	2	0	7
" Village, **Dorchester,**	'29	Dea. Fred M. Swan,	G. Wolcott Brooks, *p.*	'77	'90	66	147	213	41	5	1	6	2	3	0	+5	3	0
" Winth'p, **Charlest'n,**	'33	Louis E. Sweetland,	William B. Forbush, *p. c.*	'92	'98	85	280	365	0	3	4	7	12	25	9	46	3	9
" Eliot, **Roxbury,**	1834	James S. Barrows,	August'sC. Thompson *p.c.*	'42	'42	119	249	368	36	2	4	6	9	7	0	16	0	7
" Central,	1835	Thos. H. Russell, 2d,	Edward L. Clark, *p. c.*	'61	'93	70	175	245	0	0	13	13	2	7	0	+9	0	2
" **W. Roxbury,**	1835	Edward W. Schuerch,	Frank W. Merrick, *p. c.*	'91	'93	55	131	186	26	4	9	13	2	3	1	+6	1	3
" Maverick, **East,**	1836	J. Willard Brown,	Oren D. Fisher.	'75	'99	113	297	410	181	37	8	45	7	6	0	13	15	36
" Mt. Vernon,	1842	Sanford Keith,	Samuel E. Herrick, *p. c.*	'63	'71	129	225	354	0	7	8	15	11	8	7	26	7	2
" Shawmut,	1845	Charles P. Loring,	{ Edwin B. Webb, *p.c., em.* { William T. McElveen. *p.c.*	'50 '90	'60 '99	142	296	438		13	17	30	5	10	0	15	0	0
" **Jamaica Plain,**	1853	James H. Dodge,	Charles L. Morgan, *p. c.*	'76	'94	194	424	618	115	27	19	46	8	26	2	36	3	20
" Immanuel, **Roxb'y,**	1857	T. Franklin Currier,	Charles H. Beale, *p. c.*	'80	'94	110	288	398	86	18	14	32	2	2	2	+6	2	6
" **Neponset,**	1859	Dea. Herbert Tucker,	Edwin L. Noble, *p. c.*	'96	'99	34	75	109	23	3	0	3	4	6	0	10	1	1
" Pilgrim, **Dorche'r,**	1867	Charles H. Crockett,	William H. Allbright, *p.c.*	'79	'90	131	325	456	17	12	33	45	1	16	15	32	3	13
" Highland, **Roxb'y,**	1869	George W. Basford,	William R. Campbell, *p.c.*	'81	'81	144	322	466	130	20	4	24	2	18	2	22	4	13
" Walnut av., **Roxb'y,**	'70	Chas. H. W. Wood,	Albert H. Plumb, *p. c.*	'58	'72	135	280	415	35	3	7	10	3	10	0	13	2	9
" Olivet,	1876	Miss Susan Smith,	Robert F. Gordon,	'75	'99	21	47	68		1	0	1	1	7	0	8	1	0
" Boylston, **Ja. Plain,**	1879	Sylvester R. Crocker,	Ellis Mendell, *p. c.*	'79	'88	82	186	268	78	16	3	19	2	8	0	10	2	3
" *Swed.*,	1881	John A. Gustafson,	Augustus Lilienberg, *p.*	'98	'98	62	153	215	15	21	3	24	0	5	2	+7	0	2
" *Norwegian,*	1885	Julius Rude,	Morten Olsen, *p.*	'95	'94	22	35	57	7	9	0	9	1	1	5	+7	0	21
" **Allston,**	1886	James L. Ball,	John O. Haarvig, *p. c.*	'83	'95	122	240	362	40	14	12	26	3	9	0	12	8	9
" **Harvard, Dorch'r,**	1888	Henry N. Marr,	William T. Beale, *p.*	'82	'99	35	93	128	20	2	3	5	0	6	0	6	1	0

a Percy H. Epler, assistant p., '98, '98.

b William S. Kelsey, '85, '91, and Charles H. Washburn, '85, '98, assoc. pastors.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Belmont,	Harrie E. Carpenter,	115	70	70	59	14	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	44	0	1,550
Berkley,	Miss Eudora M. Allen,	65	35	60	16	21	8	0	5	26	6	0	13	79	0	1,025
Berlin,	Charles M. Sawyer,	104	61	45	38	0	0	0	8	0	5	0	0	13	0	900
Bernardston,	Alonzo Alford,	85	35	51	18	43	10	7	28	8	6	14	25	141	0	800
Beverly, North,	Charles S. Brown,	193	113		83											
" Dane st.,	James H. Moulton,	619	408	400	238	645	78	48	432	217	85	30	505	2,040	0	5,200
" Wash'ton st.,	Samuel Cole,	298	135	260	72	37	10	10	50	23	10	0	300	440	67	2,600
Billerica,	John E. Bull,	125	77	54	40	69	4	0	28	47	11	4	20	183	0	1,229
Blackstone,	Calvin H. Lee,	85	50	75	77	27	5	0	32	9	13	0	20	106	0	725
" Millville,	Frank L. Carlson,	15	12	40		0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	105
Blandford, 1st,	Miss L. Belle Tiffany,	96	36	40	29	88	5	6	34	20	3	4	13	173	0	4,600
" North,	H. L. Pease,	73	50	50	31	5	0	2	9	0	0	0	3	19	0	383
Boston, Ch'st'n,	Henry Brower,	90	67	70	25	105	0	0	61	24	0	0	0	190	0	2,000
" Old South,	Nathan B. Day,	407	173			8,872	675	229	8,993	798	381	0	10,719	30,667	0	
" 2d, Dorch'r,	William Q. Wales,	970	424	575	185	3,016	1,087	311	3,597	890	173	35	420	9,529	0	8,983
" Park st.,	Frank W. Wyman,	276	179			2,378	0	0	1,400	0	0	0	1,238	5,016	0	11,723
" Union,	Albert S. Baker,	340	192	400	131	1,222	82	85	849	390	142	0	541	3,311	9,400	8,750
" Phillips, South	Rev. Percy H. Epler,	1,004	515	600	485	411	13	111	320	57	27	0	798	1,737	0	8,490
" Berkeley Tem.	Hamilton S. Conant,	498	273	600	193	28	0	0	352	30	15	0	1,048	1,473	0	6,356
" Brighton,	William F. Murphy,	374	222	300	147	445	86	89	1,307	5	16	0	285	2,333	0	6,461
" Village, Dorc.	William G. Swan,	262	209	139	147	290	0	0	307	78	44	0	86	805	3,000	4,423
" Winth'p, C'n,	C. H. Hunter,	372	262	400	75	218	33	33	419	67	15	0	45	830	200	7,753
" Eliot, Roxb.,	Clarence T. Mooar,	329	238	210	130	906	20	0	1,234	7	18	0	104	2,289	0	3,595
" Central,	Alexander C. Proudfit,	75	45			2,500	0	270	3,726	454	640	0	1,057	8,647	0	
" W. Roxbury,	George B. Graff,	233	148	238	60	305	13	8	385	170	5	8	77	971	0	5,890
" Mave'k, East,	Dea. Elmer H. Allen,	441	250	350	107	6	2	2	106	3	4	0	56	179	0	4,484
" Mt. Vernon,	David R. Craig,	210	125	270	100	2,392	0	31	1,484	140	0	15	254	4,316	0	10,000
" Shawmut,	H. E. Warren,	685	515		139	1,220	74	47	469	90	13	0	0	1,913	0	9,024
" Jamaica Pl.,	J. Wesley Farmer,	460	333	450	200	805	160	197	685	312	174	0	150	2,483	0	6,413
" Imman'l, Rox.	Asa H. Porter,	521	337	250	116	795	117	152	1,623	215	0	0	455	3,357	0	7,912
" Neponset,	Harry G. Dixon,	195	111	125	58	27	25	22	96	15	18	0	39	242	0	1,281
" Pilg'm, Dorch.	Ernest L. Miller,	543	382	442	224	452	21	15	766	26	16	92	219	1,607	0	10,136
" Highl'd, Rox.,	Charles L. Ziegler,	583	323	300	120	447	20	10	452	33	45	5	65	1,077	0	5,002
" Walnut av., R.	Frank O. Whitney,	411	288	200	108	535	117	79	2,713	145	28	0	0	3,617	0	9,058
" Olivet,	A. M. Clement,	140	64	75	20	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	10	23	0	1,039
" Boylston, J. P.	Sylvester R. Crocker,	419	183	300	75	198	28	19	115	48	18	0	336	762	0	3,481
" *Swed.*,	J. E. Friberg,					260	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	260	0	2,858
" *Norw.*,	Rev. Morten Olsen,	25	12	45		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	59	62	0	997
" Allston,	Harvey W. Walker,	390	180	300	130	813	99	29	1,114	117	12	36	250	2,470	0	7,400
" Harvard,	Frank B. Sherman,	196	147		66	0	13	0	29	12	0	38	0	92	0	

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Boston, Central, **Dorch'r,**	1888	John W. Duthie,				43	83	126	15	4	7	11	4	4	4	12	0	6
" Seamen's,	1888	Mrs. M. J. Derby,	Sylvester S. Nickerson, *p.c.*	'76	'88	50	16	66	0	0	0	0	2	2	18	22	0	0
" **Roslindale,**	1890	Dea. Henry H. Cole,				60	140	200	30	7	7	14	2	6	2	10	3	9
" St. Mark's,	1895	Mrs. L. Foy,				5	12	17	0	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
" Baker. **E. Boston,**	1897	A. J Page,	James C. Young, *p. c.*	'91	'97	16	53	69	1	15	3	18	1	2	0	3	3	17
Boxboro, **West Acton,**	1784	A. W. Wetherbee,	William C. Martyn, *p. c.*	'98	'98	18	28	46	13	0	0	0	1	7	0	8	0	0
Boxford,	1702	John W. Parkhurst,	Emery L. Bradford, *p. c.*	'92	'92	32	91	123	31	0	5	5	5	1	0	6	0	0
" **West,**	1736	W. H. Anderson,	Charles L. Hubbard, *p. c.*	'68	'78	25	46	71	8	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	1	0
Boylston, **Center,**	1743	Mrs. Charles Bray,	Samuel B. Cooper, *p.*	'87	'98	49	85	134	50	1	3	4	3	4	0	7	1	1
Braintree, 1st,	1707	Dea. Arza B. Keith,	Alfred A. Ellsworth, *p. c.*	'62	'85	41	130	171	30	1	3	4	6	1	0	7	0	5
" **South,**	1829	Frank A. Reed,	Chas. F. H. Crathern, *p.*	'86	'96	24	63	87	12	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0
Bridgewater,	1821	Charles P. Sinnott,	Elbert S. Porter, *p. c.*	'83	'89	91	172	263	66	7	18	25	5	8	0	13	1	2
" **Scotland,**	1836	Mrs. T. C. Wilbur, **B.,**	Ira A. Smith, *p.*	'82	'96	12	25	37	13	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brimfield,	1724	Dea. Edward B. Brown,	Robert J. Kyle, *p. c.*	'85	'93	31	51	82	24	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Brockton, 1st,	1740	Warren Tirrell,	Alan Hudson, *p. c.*	'92	'96	102	266	368	21	11	12	23	3	4	0	7	6	7
" South, **Campello,**	1837	Rufus P. Keith,	Albert F. Pierce, *p. c.*	'77	'99	141	282	423		6	10	16	3	6	0	9	6	0
" Porter,	1850	Minot W. Niles,	Andrew W. Archibald, *p.c.*	'76	'97	191	408	599	76	18	18	36	7	18	6	31	14	7
" *Swed.*, **Campello,**	1879	Dea. William Allen,	August Pohl,		'87	99	126	170	296	0	15	0	15	2	9	3	14	0	12
" Waldo,	1896	James T. McCaughey,	Robert L. Rae, *p. c.*		'89	'96	25	45	70	0	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	3	3
" Wendell av.,	1897	L. Sandford Tribou,					25	57	82	2	7	4	11	1	0	0	1	3	3
" Lincoln,	1897	Thomas Torous,	[Sebastian D. Turner, *Meth.*]		'93	'97	17	15	32	1	5	0	5	0	1	1	2	3	1
Brookfield,	1756	Miss M. Ella Gibson,	Edward B. Blanchard, *p. c.*		'92	'95	34	97	131	39	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1
Brookline, **Harvard,**	1844	Edward Sharp,	Reuen Thomas, *p. c.a*		'60	'75	214	468	682	75	12	21	33	10	2	0	12	0	0
" Leyden,	1896	R. W. W. Hastings,	Harris G. Hale, *p. c.*		'91	'96	30	64	94	1	0	28	28	1	0	0	1	0	3
Buckland,	1785	Dea. H. L. Warfield,	Edward A. Robinson, *p.*		'83	'98	50	103	153	33	0	2	2	4	3	0	7	0	0
Burlington,	1735	Dea. Samuel Sewall,	Austin Dodge, *p.*		'66	'95	19	35	54	19	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	0	1
Cambridge, 1st,	1636	Charles F. Stratton,	Alex'r McKenzie, *p. c. b*		'61	'67	255	592	847		12	19	31	10	13	0	23	4	8
" Prospect st.,	1827	E. Sidney Berry,	Reuben A. Beard, *p. c.*		'79	'97	109	291	400	138	17	13	30	8	11	0	19	7	9
" North av.,	1857	John F. Eaton,	Daniel Evans, *p. c.*		'91	'99	155	294	449		10	6	16	5	7	0	12	7	7
" Pilgrim,	1865	Daniel I. Coolidge,	Frank E. Ramsdell, *p. c.*		'91	'96	226	402	628	101	11	22	33	10	12	14	36	8	3
" Wood Memorial,	1872	Dea. Abijah R. Buck,					88	200	288	45	20	9	29	4	14	17	35	7	30
" Hope,	1890	Harry Abbott,	Charles M. Carpenter, *p.*		'90	'93	34	58	92	0	0	0	0	2	4	7	13	0	13
Canton,	1828	Abner Morse,					25	78	103	35	6	1	7	2	5	1	8	2	0
Carlisle,	1781	Herbert P. Dutton,	A. Herbert Armes, *p.*		'89	'98	19	34	53	13	0	0	0	2	6	0	2	0	1
Carver, **North,**	1733	Theron M. Cole,	Washington H. Forbes, *p.*		'81	'97	15	32	47	10	5	0	5	3	0	0	3	5	0
Charlemont, 1st,	1788	Dea. John. N. Smead,					28	54	82	12	3	0	3	0	5	0	5	3	0
" **East,**	1845	Mrs. Lyman Whiting,	Lyman Whiting, *p.*		'43	'89	20	39	59	13	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	5	0
Charlton,	1761	Mrs. E. J. W. Spencer,	George O. Jenness, *p.*		'61	'96	16	48	64	23	4	1	5	1	0	0	1	3	0
Chatham,	1720	L. S. Atwood.	Daniel W. Richardson, *p.*		'62	'96	23	56	79	19	3	0	3	4	1	0	5	2	3
Chelmsford, **North,**	1824	Dea. Charles H. Holt,	Robert W. Dunbar, *p. c.*		'99	'98	20	48	68	14	4	1	5	2	3	0	5	3	0

a Oliver D. Sewall, asst. p., '92, '97. *b* Leonard S. Parker, asst. p., '38, '86.

Bradford *see* Haverhill. Byfield, *see* Newbury. Campello, *see* Brockton. Centreville, *see* Barnstable. Charlestown, *see* Boston.

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Boston, Central,	John T. Maclean,	230	151	125	30	34	9	10	94	74	25	17	205	468	0	2,200
" Seamen's,	George Marsters,					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Roslindale,	William J. Wilson,	300	206	235	125	106	0	0	73	0	0	8	69	256	0	
" St. Mark's,		60	20	10	8										0	285
" Baker,	George Taylor,	325	180	300	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,800
Boxboro,	Martin E. Wood,	68	41	26	20	34	0	4	28	5	5	0	32	108	0	568
Boxford,	Hiram N. Towne,	82	51	104	40	92	34	0	87	63	0	2	19	297	0	1,130
" West,	Prof. N. B. Sargent,	70	35	75	25	45	6	0	20	48	2	0	55	176	0	
Boylston, Cen.,	Calvin H. Andrews,	70	40	110	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	92	0	1,300
Braintree, 1st,	Charles S. Bates,	271	165	150	45	169	19	14	442	16	50	0	15	725	0	3,310
" South,		270	160	235	40	37	5	5	70	40	5	6	30	198	0	2,400
Bridgewater,	W. D. Jackson,	231		150	103	100	17	13	145	73	25	0	76	449	0	2,375
" Scotland,	W. H. H. Andrews,	57	37	40	30	4	0	3	2	4	7	0	4	24	0	465
Brimfield,	George H. Streeter,	105	60	51	37	19	12	13	24	20	11	0	93	192	0	1,200
Brockton, 1st,	T. T. Wilson,	428	228	600	214	104	10	10	122	4	0	10	293	553	0	8,000
" So. Campello,		m700	380	375	200	225	35	54	200	58	37	51	315	975	0	5,500
" Porter,	Charles A. Jenney,	855	534	600	194	389	73	70	443	86	75	0	2,287	3,423	900	7,507
" *Swed.*, Camp.	Charles O. Peterson,	248			76	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	6	0	3,677
" Waldo,	Charles E. Johnson,	220	145			114	17	0	23	0	6	0	111	271	0	1,593
" Wendell av.,	Charles Williamson,	195	111	150	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,411
" Lincoln,	Cornelius Harris,	23	15		30	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	32	34	0	540
Brookfield,	Edward B. Hale,	130	81	95	87	38	200	13	78	50	15	0	40	434	0	1,500
Brookline, Har'd,	Rev Oliver D. Sewall,	796				4,273	121	153	3,006	428	544	0	7,970	16,495	0	16,000
" Leyden.	Morris A. Hall,	80	40	80	26	262	0	0	751	125	2	0	125	1,265	0	15,052
Buckland,	Dea. Edmund E. Smith,	115	71	124	23	92	18	14	60	12	0	0	70	266	0	1,380
Burlington,	Thomas I. Reed,	85	50	76	40	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	47	0	1,450
Cambridge, 1st,	Charles W. Spencer,	m375	250		150	1,893	0	0	3,571	1,514	721	0	829	8,528	0	9,800
" Prospect st.,	Allyne L. Merrill,	285	191	312	106	497	25	11	1,087	37	88	0	467	2,212	0	6,623
" North av.,	James Morrison,	476	309	305	103	448	25	87	772	78	12	0	184	1,606	0	7,472
" Pilgrim,	Hamilton H. Perkins,	531	327	450	201	152	45	43	141	158	92	0	419	1,050	0	5,500
" Wood Mem.	A. Lawrence Ball,	508	314	450	133	72	38	3	40	7	3	5	192	360	0	3,645
" Hope,	William White,	160			30	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	2	9	0	0
Canton,	Albert F. Morse, 2d,	105	60	100	65	306	0	0	0	0	5	0	38	349	5,000	2,340
Carlisle,	Daniel L. Chamberlin,	83	45	45	27	10	5	0	10	0	0	0	13	38	100	992
Carver, North,	Edgar E. Gardner,	60	38	56	14	25	0	0	26	0	6	2	27	86	0	709
Charlemont, 1st,	Edward N. Hawks,	98	54	60	27	18	0	0	23	8	5	0	15	69	0	600
" East,	Lorenzo Richmond,	65	42	45	50	36	41	14	33	24	16	4	98	266	0	400
Charlton,	Mrs. Emily J. W. Spencer,	60	35	40	69	33	0	0	19	11	9	0	2	74	0	769
Chatham,	C. C. Richardson,	100	43	60	60	14	0	0	17	0	0	0	10	41	0	589
Chelmsford, N.,	Dea. Arthur H. Sheldon,	97	64	124	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,116

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Chelmsford, Central,	1876	A. B. Woodworth,	Ernest C. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'96	'94	31	75	106	13	3	5	8	0	1	0	1	2	3
Chelsea, 1st,	1841	Waldo E. Pratt,	Ross C. Houghton, *p. c.*	'69	'95	100	296	396	78	20	5	25	6	5	2	13	11	5
" Central,	1851	George A. Paine,	Rob't A. MacFadden, *p. c.*	'96	'98	175	549	724	94	19	11	30	12	15	8	35	9	17
" 3d,	1877	Jacob Pratt, jr.,	Samuel M. Cathcart, *p. c.*	'96	'96	48	122	170	54	12	5	17	0	4	0	4	6	6
Chester, 1st,	1769	Dea. Alfred S. Foote,				12	15	27	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" 2d,	1844	Edward O. Redfield,	Thomas D. Murphy, *p.*	'68	'93	31	73	104	25	0	3	3	5	2	0	7	0	4
Chesterfield,	1764	Mrs. Ellen A. Baker,	Hanson E. Thygeson, *p.*	'87	'95	29	58	87	13	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	1
Chicopee, 1st,	1752	Rev. C. G. Burnham,	Collins G. Burnham, *p. c.*	'79	'88	23	53	76	20	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0
" 2d, Falls,	1830	Arthur B. West,	Harvey G. Pillsbury, *p.c.*	'82	'95	118	65	183	30	2	6	8	5	1	0	6	1	4
" 3d,	1834	James L. Pease,	Herbert P. Woodin, *p.*	'92	'98	52	146	198	89	0	5	5	1	5	3	9	0	1
Clinton,	1844	Edward L. Greene,	William W. Jordan, *p. c.*	'84	'93	155	311	466	88	1	0	1	9	7	0	16	0	4
" *German,*	1897	Dea. Henry Wessels,	Frank C. F. Scheriff, *p.*	'76	'87	24	35	59	5	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	12
Cohasset,	1824	Warren L. Tower,	E. Victor Bigelow, *p. c.*	'91	'91	30	104	134	18	5	2	7	6	1	0	7	2	1
" Beechwood,	1863	Mrs. Clara Hyland, *a*	Frank Park, *p.*	'95	'98	6	34	40	14	7	1	8	0	3	0	3	4	3
Coleraine,	1750	Dea. A. H. Temple, *b*	Charles M. Crooks, *p.*	'97	'96	13	35	48	11	3	2	5	0	1	0	1	5	1
Concord,	1826	Rev. Ole O. Thorpe,	George A. Tewksbury, *p.*	'63	'91	63	133	196	30	2	2	4	5	1	1	7	1	5
Conway,	1768	Henry W. Billings,	Eugene F. Hunt, *p.*	'84	'95	73	122	195	27	0	3	3	1	2	2	5	0	0
Cummington,	1839	Mrs. Julia L. Porter,	[Lewis T. Reed, *Lic.*]		'99	36	70	106	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" West,	1840	Mrs. S. D. Benjamin,				7	23	30	8	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
Dalton,	1785	Dea. Henry A. Barton,	George W. Andrews, *p.*	'82	'83	118	224	342	42	12	5	17	4	2	0	6	8	6
Dana,	1852	N. L. Johnson,	Harlan Page, *p.*	'83	'93	5	14	19	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danvers Center,	1689	Edward A. H. Grover,	Harry C. Adams, *p. c.*	'89	'97	51	138	189	45	3	4	7	4	4	0	8	3	0
" Maple st.,	1844	John S. Learoyd,	Edward C. Ewing, *p. c.*	'63	'83	111	271	382	42	0	3	3	3	2	1	6	0	1
Dartmouth, South,	1807	Wauton H. Gray,	Simeon B. Dunn, *p.*	'75	'97	15	35	50	12	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	0	0
Dedham,	1638	Miss Sarah B. Baker,				98	228	326	51	0	2	2	6	2	0	8	0	2
Deerfield, South,	1818	Henry A. Field,	Edward O. Grisbrook, *p.*	'93	'98	56	100	156	25	4	4	8	6	5	0	11	0	1
"	1835	B. Z. Stebbins, jr.,				21	44	65	8	1	4	5	2	0	7	9	1	0
Dennis, South,	1817	Miss E. H. Underwood,				4	34	38	4	0	3	3	2	2	0	4	0	0
" Union,	1866	Nathan A. Howes,				7	35	42	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Dighton, North,	1710	Dea. Geo. E. Gooding,	Dorrall Lee, *p.*	'74	'99	16	37	53	8	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0
Douglas,	1747	Mrs. Laura E. Balcome,	[George O. Crosby, *Meth.*]		'97	9	28	37	9	6	3	9	3	1	0	4	5	0
" East,	1834	Dea. Edwin Moore,	Charles P. Pierce, *p.*	'98	'97	30	73	103	23	0	1	1	7	0	0	7	0	0
Dover,	1839	George L. Howe,	Franklin C. Jones, *p.*	'63	'98	21	22	43	3	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	0
Dracut, 1st,	1721	Dea. Silas R. Coburn,	John P. Richardson, *p.*	'80	'98	13	44	57	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	22
" Central,	1847	William H. Stickney,	Frederick I. Kelley, *p. c.*	'89	'97	46	93	139	24	21	14	35	3	1	0	4	14	10
Dudley,	1732	Dea. Wm. H. Upham,	Newton I. Jones, *p.*	'75	'98	18	53	71	19	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0
Dunstable,	1757	Lyman V. Parkhurst,	Harry L. Hartwell,	'95	'99	24	50	74	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Duxbury,	1843	John H. Haverstock,	Solomon G. Merrick, *p.*	'86	'95	13	58	71	14	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0
East Bridgewater,	1826	James S. Allen,	Granville Yager, *p.*	'76	'98	43	61	104	26	0	4	4	2	3	0	5	0	0
Easthampton, 1st,	1785	Henry L. Lyman,	Sumner G. Wood, *p. c.*	'80	'88	93	217	310	51	0	2	2	10	5	4	19	0	3

a N. Scituate. *b* Griswoldville. Chiltonville, *see* Plymouth. Clarendon Hills, *see* Hyde Park. Cliftondale, *see* Saugus. Curtisville, *see* Stockbridge. Dorchester, *see* Boston.

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Chelmsford, Cen'l	Samuel Hagerman,	167	70	78	82	87	0	18	20	40	0	0	0	165	0	1,561
Chelsea, 1st,	Arthur C. Stone,	m608	378	406	114	670	10	0	29	28	55	75	756	1,623	0	6,281
" Central,	George H. Dunham,	1,032	511		253	302	18	15	914	62	3	13	0	1,327	0	10,055
" 3d,	Richard Burns,	328	192		45	24	0	3	12	12	8	0	152	211	0	2,260
Chester, 1st,	Rev. E. C. Haynes,	30	18	22	0	3	0	0	5	2	3	0	1	14	0	310
" 2d,	B. C. Bliss,	180	80	91	57	10	0	0	67	0	2	0	55	134	0	1,024
Chesterfield,	William H. Baker,	90	42	125	35	41	0	5	9	3	0	4	25	87	0	900
Chicopee, 1st,	Rev. C. G. Burnham,	65	44	42	0	48	14	12	31	14	2	4	23	148	0	1,320
" 2d, Falls,	Clinton A. Wood,	186	121	140	30	195	40	26	277	62	29	0	69	698	0	2,850
" 3d,	M. H. Mosman,	135	77	100	45	100	0	17	80	5	18	589	474	1,283	0	3,000
Clinton,	Charles D. Copp,	540	318	325	104	298	150	16	245	93	17	10	873	1,702	0	26,729
" *German*,	Rev. Frank C. F. Scherff,	115	80	70	10	0	0	0	12	9	8	0	5	34	0	450
Cohasset,	Philander Bates,	140	80	125	73	164	15	6	121	13	19	0	29	367	0	2,260
" Beechwood,	Rev. Frank Park,	110	45	90	40	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	2	17	0	400
Coleraine,	L. Griswold, Griswoldville,	64	22	84	25	25	1	4	13	7	6	1	7	64	0	925
Concord,	Charles H. Towle,	210	123	200	66	450	23	12	382	95	26	10	189	1,187	0	17,538
Conway,	Dea. Edward W. Hamilton,	160	93	90	55	81	22	26	42	53	17	6	152	399	0	1,668
Cummington,	Mrs. Sarah Streeter,	179	79	65	25	8	4	3	14	7	5	0	32	73	0	1,000
" West,	A. N. Hubbard,	30	20	36	20	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	40	50	0	396
Dalton,	Payson E. Little,	401	232	275	189	2,170	1,309	149	2,039	512	146	174	756	7,255	0	3,500
Dana,	Forrest A. Hicks, Nichewaug,	27	20	35	22	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	255
Danvers Center,	Edward A. H. Grover,	280	120	180	46	116	17	12	54	230	39	0	25	493	0	1,875
" Maple st.,	John S. Learoyd,	483	342	300	206	605	201	85	384	225	106	16	594	2,216	0	3,737
Dartmouth, So.,	E. B. Sturtevant,	75	35	100	70	5	4	3	5	4	2	0	20	43	0	1,325
Dedham,	James Y. Noyes,	205	142	185	83	748	139	68	809	158	98	61	236	2,317	0	3,969
Deerfield, South,	Rev. Edw. O. Grisbrook,	139	81	125	48	66	14	29	50	85	9	28	0	281	0	1,393
"	John T. Greenough,	52	30	50	18	28	3	0	16	44	3	0	6	100	0	850
Dennis, South,	Andrew J. Hersey,	70	34	76		18	0	0	0	3	8	0	2	31	0	740
" Union,	Nathan A. Howes,	95	58	50	60	5	0	0	0	8	0	0	10	23	0	750
Dighton, North,	George A. Clark,	71	38	44	23	88	0	0	10	0	4	0	141	243	0	900
Douglas,	Mrs. Laura E. Balcome,	50	40	35	36	36	0	0	20	0	0	0	2	58	600	350
" East,	Walter E. Harris,	100	60	125	58	89	6	8	43	27	12	2	29	216	0	2,525
Dover,	George L. Howe,	60	35	49	34	7	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	28	0	419
Dracut, 1st,	Dea. Charles L. Hodge,	162	80	150	28	6	2	1	2	2	4	1	0	18	0	828
" Central,	Calvin Richardson,	213	127	70	42	15	0	0	0	6	7	0	13	41	500	1,615
Dudley,	Miss Sarah J. Baker,	166	59	70	82	13	2	0	4	2	12	0	24	57	0	1,325
Dunstable,	George A. Glover,	110	50	30	46	89	10	20	71	33	3	0	82	308	0	1,196
Duxbury,	Miss Sarah B. Higgins,	92	50	105	45	54	6	0	24	0	0	0	75	159	0	1,117
E. Bridgewater,	Chas. W. Leach, Matfield,	87		75	54	4	7	4	4	7	3	3	37	69	0	1,300
Easthampton, 1st,	L. E. Parsons,	314	149	200	71	151	62	57	155	97	65	0	125	712	900	2,857

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Easthampton,	1852	Charles H. Johnson,	Charles H. Hamlin, *p. c.*	'76	'85	125	345	470	75	24	4	28	12	5	0	17	6	6
East Longmeadow,	1829	Arthur G. Crane,	Harry C. McKnight, *p.*	'85	'98	34	57	91	20	1	3	4	3	4	0	7	1	4
Easton, Center,	1725	Dea. E. B. Hayward,*a*	Augustus H. Fuller, *p.*	'78	'92	52	109	161	24	0	6	6	3	1	0	4	0	2
" *Swedish*, North,	1883	William Borg,	Lambert T. Lindholm, *p.*	'98	'98	16	14	30	1	3	0	3	1	2	3	6	0	7
Edgartown,	1642	Theo. Wimpenney,	James Lade, *p.*	'85	'98	20	50	70	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Egremont, South,	1816	Roscoe C. Taft,*b*	[BruceW.Cronmiller,*Pres.*]	'93	'96	28	63	91	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Enfield,	1789	H. H. Barbour,	George H. Hubbard, *p.*	'84	'96	72	143	215	40	3	2	5	7	2	3	12	0	2
Erving,	1832	Rev. J. W. Brownville,	John W. Brownville, *p.*	'73	'92	20	42	62	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Essex,	1683	Rufus Choate,	Lyman H. Blake,	'76	'99	36	99	135	12	11	3	14	5	1	0	6	9	1
Everett, 1st,	1848	Franklin Pierce,	William I. Sweet, *p.*	'87	'97	148	262	410	65	19	30	49	6	7	0	13	10	15
" Courtland st.,	1891	Dea.Geo.R. F. Nichols,	Richard H. McGown, *p.*	'82	'95	20	26	46	11	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	0
" Mystic Side,	1893	George H. Wood,	Aquila Webb, *p.*	'99	'99	45	89	134	22	8	2	10	3	8	1	12	2	0
Fairhaven,	1794	Tucker Damon, jr.,	William H. Brodhead, *p.*	'79	'97	27	88	115	14	3	3	6	4	2	0	6	2	4
Fall River, 1st,	1816		William W. Adams, *p. c.*	'63	'59	184	243	29	2	0	2	7	0	5	12	2	3	
" Central,	1842	James W. Brigham,	William Knight, *p. c.c*	'86	'97	197	399	596	75	50	6	56	7	5	0	12	6	35
" Fowler,	1874	Walter E. Tripp,	Payson W. Lyman, *p. c.*	'71	'88	18	74	92	25	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	3	1
" *French*,	1886	Joseph M. Adam,	Samuel P. Rondeau, *p.*	'92	'96	25	34	59	9	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	2	6
" Broadway,	1894	Dea. Joseph Lewin,				17	48	65	14	7	1	8	0	0	25	25	3	4
Falmouth, 1st,	1708	Dea. Seba A. Holton,	Eddy T. Pitts, *p.*	'82	'98	38	104	142	35	0	0	0	6	5	0	11	0	0
" East,	1821	Dea. W. W. Eldridge,				9	21	30	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" North,	1833	Dea. Jas. M. Witherell,	Ezra N. Smith, *p.*	'72	'90	15	33	48	7	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	0
" Waquoit,	1849	John B. Fisher,				17	36	53	16	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0
" Woods Holl,	1880	Mrs. John W. Bowles,	Eddy T. Pitts,	'82	'98	14	17	31	11	0	1	1	0	5	0	5	0	0
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	1768	George A. Hitchcock,	A. Frederick Dunnels,	'84	'99	159	277	436	126	12	5	17	5	7	22	34	0	6
" Rollstone,	1868	Frank C. Hoyt,	William O. Conrad, *p. c.*	'90	'96	195	389	584	90	17	21	38	8	8	0	16	9	4
" *German*,	1889	Paul A. Gast,	S. Hermann Schwab, *p.*	'89	'88	20	57	77	10	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	1	17
" *Swedish*,	1892	Evald Remgren,	John Axelson, *p.*	'91	'97	43	71	114	9	10	14	24	1	14	5	20	0	7
Foxboro',	1779	Horace Carpenter,	James W. Flagg, *p.*	'82	'93	67	197	264	56	4	5	9	6	4	3	13	4	0
Framingham,	1701	Rev. L. R. Eastman,	Lucius R. Eastman, *p. c.*	'62	'71	78	201	279	25	10	2	12	1	6	1	8	4	2
" Saxonville,	1833	Dea. J. B. Johnson,				38	123	161	37	7	2	9	2	4	0	6	3	0
" South,	1873	Fred L. Oakes,	Frederick E. Emrich, *p. c.*	'75	'89	138	257	395	60	1	13	14	8	5	1	14	1	4
Franklin, 1st,	1738	Dea. J. H. Baker,	Isaiah W. Sneath, *p. c.*	'84	'99	86	242	328	78	11	2	13	9	8	0	17	6	11
Freetown,	1807	Gilbert M. Nichols,	William F. Warren, *p.*	'78	'98	8	15	23	4	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Gardner,	1786	H. H. Smith, W. G.,	Burton S. Gilman, *p. c.*	'97	'97	135	278	413	42	20	14	34	3	9	0	12	16	0
Georgetown, 1st,	1732	Mrs. H. H. Noyes,	Frank P. Estabrook, *p. c.*	'93	'98	30	100	130	30	3	0	3	1	6	0	7	3	2
" Memorial,	1864	Dea. Henry Hilliard,	C. Julian Tuthill, *p.*	'94	'95	32	78	110	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	1
Gill,	1796	Mrs. L. E. S. Moore,	William H. Dowden, *p.*	'63	'98	12	20	32	5	3	2	5	0	2	0	2	2	1
Gloucester, West,	1716	Arthur M. Wilkins,	Temple Cutler, *p.*	'61	'95	23	35	58	10	11	1	12	1	0	0	1	8	2
" Trinity,	1829	John J. Pew,	Rufus P. Hibbard, *p. c.*	'68	'88	82	248	330	32	4	1	5	4	2	0	6	4	3
" Lanesville,	1830	Francis Reid,	Frank H. Reed, *p. c.*	'86	'85	40	81	121	32	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	2	2

a Eastondale. *b* Bancroft. *c* Edwin A. Buck, asst. pastor, '54, '67. Feeding Hills, *see* Agawam. Florence, *see* Northampton. Gilbertville, *see* Hardwick.

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Easthamp'n, P'n,	Samuel Brown,	290	199	200	97	369	24	40	327	135	11	18	192	1,116	903	3,520
E. Longmeadow,	Edward M. Burt,	122	82	65	60	34	4	3	29	6	9	2	17	104	0	1,126
Easton,	Charles M. Ripley, So. E.	280	173	225	96	150	10	17	77	40	23	7	11	335	0	1,460
" S., North,	William Borg,	110	90	40	20	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	452
Edgartown,	Mrs. H. R. F. Shepard,	60	38	52	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	775
Egremont, South,	Chester G. Dalzell,	95	46	60	46	18	6	9	8	11	6	0	10	68	0	
Enfield,	R. L. Thayer,	238	151	150	135	155	142	28	171	166	10	13	92	777	0	1,689
Erving,	William W. Brown,	128	76	120	30	2	0	0	10	5	0	0	8	25	0	577
Essex,	Gardiner Burnham,	161	95	132	76	11	0	0	12	49	0	0	202	274	0	1,650
Everett, 1st,	Dea. George S. Marshall,	m1189	660	400	195	108	7	16	62	25	0	9	148	375	200	5,166
" Courtland st.	John M. Finch,	156	106	30	38	3	0	0	10	0	0	0	2	15	0	617
" Mystic Side,	Allison C. Smith,	275	168	183	32	67	7	1	29	7	17	1	4	133	0	1,861
Fairhaven,	Robert W. Taber,	139	88	150	30	50	0	0	36	0	0	0	5	91	0	2,000
Fall River, 1st,	G. Frank Allen,	300	197	240	186	355	1,155	74	3,674	52	63	0	2,725	8,098	0	5,970
" Cen'l,	W. D. Fellows,	m810	490	450	90	1,275	84	77	3,280	513	117	0	2,047	7,393	0	10,000
" Fowler,	Frederick W. Lawson,	160	116	80	35	76	0	0	28	0	25	0	21	150	0	865
" *French*,	Rev. Samuel P. Rondeau,	54	47	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	154
" Broadway,	William H. Ives,	93	74	45	42	7	0	0	17	4	0	0	2	30	0	458
Falmouth, 1st,	Dea. Seba A. Holton,	125	68	120	25	78	10	8	63	15	17	14	28	233	0	1,200
" East,	William F. Robinson,	25	17	19	20	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	35	0	500
" North,	Dea. Silas Hatch, Hatchville,	50	35	50	20	42	0	5	22	6	1	0	20	96	0	800
" Waquoit,	Dea. Alexander Crocker,	18	15	33	0	24	0	0	10	0	3	0	4	41	0	300
" Woods Holl,	Willis C. Gifford,	40	28	22	36	8	0	0	13	0	0	0	15	36	0	500
Fitchburg, Calv.	Albert Brown,	325	196		125	131	35	47	233	93	107	69	548	1,263	0	6,697
" Rollstone,	Charles A. Tilton,	503	289	500	166	194	14	19	576	90	10	21	386	1,310	0	4,623
" *German*,	Rev. S. Herman Schwab,	130	83	72	30	13	0	0	10	0	0	0	28	51	0	600
" *Swedish*,	W. Patterson,	107	97	55	55	67	0	0	10	0	0	0	111	188	0	2,100
Foxboro',	Benj. F. Boyden,	330	152	193	70	157	26	12	113	155	17	15	169	664	0	3,374
Framingham,	Harry D. Eastman,	145	75	140	58	406	408	19	689	318	18	0	48	1,906	0	2,800
" Saxonville,	Arthur C. Winch,	105	67	100	72	52	5	7	57	14	7	8	115	265	0	1,600
" South,	Alfred J. Heath,	442	264	325	98	373	68	44	342	140	63	30	1,193	2,253	0	7,979
Franklin, 1st,	Wm. S. Richardson,	228	129	200	80	100	18	9	227	32	9	0	142	537	0	2,500
Freetown,	Miss Florence Dean,	26	19	50	32	3	0	2	5	0	0	0	10	0	0	225
Gardner,	Herbert D. Burnham,	275	223	385	91	272	48	32	270	101	155	0	378	1,256	0	5,200
Georgetown, 1st,	Edwin S. Daniels,	109	63	110	22	29	0	0	59	19	0	0	0	107	0	1,500
" Memorial,	Lewis H. Giles,	142	112	145	54	58	29	10	95	13	6	5	97	313	0	1,939
Gill,	Francis Foster,	30	24	20	20	10	30	0	43	10	5	0	0	98	0	435
Gloucester, West,	Walter Haskell,	60	48	57	0	15	0	0	10	14	0	0	22	61	0	500
" Trinity,	John Cunningham,	525	372	380	100	263	59	66	254	117	0	30	851	1,640	600	5,060
" Lanesville,	J. H. Andrews,	169	66	115	75	10	0	0	0	0	3	0	26	39	0	1,000

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Gloucester, Magnolia,	1887	George A. Upton,				10	23	33	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Goshen,	1780	Charles N. Shaw,	Calvin Keyser, *p.*	'75	'98	24	32	56	13	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	3
Grafton,	1731	Mrs.H.CatherineAllen,	Benjamin A. Robie, *p.*	'66	'84	38	100	138	36	2	1	3	2	5	0	7	2	0
" **Saundersville,**	1860	Wm. E. Fowler,	David Howie, *p.*	'89	'93	43	91	134	31	14	2	16	1	0	0	1	9	6
Granby,	1762	Simeon Kellogg,	Robert C. Bell, *p.*	'69	'92	73	127	200	26	0	1	1	6	4	0	10	0	0
Granville, **East,**	1747	Mrs. J. W. Johnson,	Wallace H. Sterns, *p. c.*	'97	'97	13	29	42	13	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	0
" **West,**	1781	Rev. S. B. Andrews,	Samuel B. Andrews, *p.*	'68	'96	25	36	61	27	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
Great Barrington,	1743	Joseph W. Curtiss,	Leon D. Bliss, *p. c.*	'89	'96	84	204	288	54	5	5	10	4	4	0	8	4	5
" **Housatonic,**	1841	Thomas E. Brown,	Arthur J. Benedict, *p.*	'75	'92	58	120	178	25	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0
Greenfield, 1st,	1754	Charles W. Dinsmore,	Carey H. Watson, *p.*	'91	'90	30	48	78	21	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
" 2d,	1817	Solon L. Newton,	G. Glenn Atkins, *p.*	'95	'94	97	233	330	52	20	11	31	4	4	0	8	14	5
Greenwich,	1749	Walter H. Glazier,	James P. Harper,	'94	'99	22	68	90	21	1	2	3	4	1	4	9	1	0
Groton,	1664	Dea. Darwin P. Keyes,	Louis B. Voorhees, *p. c.*	'71	'93	58	121	179	36	1	2	3	6	3	0	9	1	5
" **West.**	1893	Mrs. M. E. Williams,	Alfred S. Hudson, *p.*	'67	'95	7	10	17	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Groveland,	1727	Dea. W. B. Ladd,	Alexander Sloan, *p.*	'97	'97	25	71	96	18	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	1	0
Hadley, 1st,	1659	M. S. Pierce,	Edward E. Keedy, *p.*	'94	'94	67	133	200	40	4	8	12	3	1	0	4	1	1
" 2d, **North,**	1831	O. W. Prouty,	John W. Lane, *p. c.*	'60	'77	56	80	136	42	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
Halifax,	1734	Miss M. J. Danforth,	Jesse H. Jones, *p.*	'61	'97	13	37	50	15	1	3	4	2	2	0	4	1	0
Hamilton,	1714	Joseph P. Lovering,	Jesse G. Nichols, *p. c.*	'94	'94	32	71	103	33	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	2	2
Hampden,	1785	Dea. A. B. Newell,	James B. Sargent, *p. c.*	'97	'97	22	49	71	16	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	3
Hanover, **West,**	1728	Dea. Francis B. Ellis,	Edward D. Disbrow, *p.*	'92	'95	13	49	62	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
" Four Corners,	1854	Henry B. Barstow,	John Wild, *p.*	'92	'92	15	33	48	11	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Hanson,	1748	George W. Severance,*a*	Charles S. Bates, *p.*	'90	'96	10	31	41	7	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	0
Hardwick,	1736	Rev. Harlan Page,	Harlan Page, *p.*	'83	'91	12	37	49	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
" **Gilbertville,**	1867	Alfred H. Richardson,	Dwight C. Stone, *p. c.*	'88	'95	45	73	118	43	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	3	3
Harvard,	1821	Dea. J. W. Bacon,				21	42	63	9	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	1
Harwich,	1747	Wm. H. Underwood,	Charles H. Rowley,	'81	'99	21	55	76	10	10	1	11	0	2	0	2	9	10
" **Port,**	1855	Mrs. Emulous Small,	Edward T. Ford, *p. c.*	'97	'97	7	43	50	5	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	5	1
Hatfield,	1671	James Porter,	Robert Mc E. Woods, *p. c.*	'77	'76	94	174	268	32	2	1	3	6	5	0	11	0	2
Haverhill, **Bradford,**	1682	Dea. S. W. Carleton,	John D. Kingsbury, *p. c.*	'56	'66	141	301	442	0	1	5	6	6	3	0	9	1	1
" West,	1735	Edward Webster,	John N. Lowell, *p. c.*	'77	'80	58	94	152	41	6	3	9	4	0	0	4	3	2
" 4th,	1744	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	7	18	25	4	1	3	4	0	0	1	1	1	0
" Center,	1833	Charles N. Dyer,	Calvin M. Clark, *p. c.*	'90	'93	113	321	434	45	12	7	19	9	12	0	21	9	7
" North,	1859	George C. How,	James S. Williamson,	'90	'99	127	362	489	0	3	7	10	11	10	0	21	2	0
" Riverside,	1884	C. F. Foster,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	20	58	78	9	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	1	2
" Union,	1891	Frederick Brooks,	Albert F. Newton, *p. c.*	'77	'98	34	79	113	5	15	17	32	3	4	0	7	8	2
" St. John's, *French,*	'93		Eugene L. Raiche, *p.*	'97	'96	8	7	15	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
" **Ward Hill,**	1893	Harlan Chase,	Charles Clark, *p. c.*	'94	'97	23	50	73	0	6	3	9	3	0	0	3	6	16
Hawley,	1778	Mrs. F. S. Bissell,	Hohannes T. Torosyan,	'99	'99	18	34	52	11	4	0	4	3	3	0	6	3	0
" **West,**	1825	Willis Vincent,	Thomas S. Robie, *p.*	'59	'96	21	31	52	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Hingham,	1847	E. M. Lane, **H Center,**	Arthur Truslow, *p.*	'96	'99	34	62	96	17	3	0	3	2	4	1	7	2	9
" Bethany, **Nantasket,**	1891	Mrs. Marcia P. Beale,	Cecil Harper, *p.*	'79	'92	7	13	20	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

a **South Hanover.** Haydenville, *see* Williamsburg.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Lega-cies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Mem-bers.	For-eign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Gloucester, Mag'a	James E. Enman,	60	36	54	40	150	2	0	20	5	0	0	18	195	0	1,000
Goshen,	August D. Cordtsen,	50	35	43	22	2	0	0	8	1	11	0	22	44	0	491
Grafton,	William Loynd,	151	92	95	53	187	15	19	37	40	45	0	133	476	0	2,347
" Saundersville,	William E. Fowler,	178	124	116	116	91	2	10	13	6	24	0	316	462	0	2,124
Granby,	G. F. Eastman,	140	66	93	60	50	69	2	183	15	3	7	88	417	0	1,356
Granville, East,	Edward Roberts,	25	12	45	0	16	5	5	0	5	0	0	5	36	0	675
" West,	Frank L. Ives,	30	19	48	10	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	190
Great Barrington	E. H. Baldwin,	220	130	210	88	81	13	22	79	38	17	20	427	697	0	3,997
" Housatonic,	Thomas E. Brown,	m209	156	132	55	175	8	0	25	21	8	7	276	520	0	1,800
Greenfield, 1st,	Louis N. Smead,	77	48	71	32	25	5	10	55	57	10	0	12	174	0	904
" 2d,	George H. Kaulback,	281	237	325	0	302	188	92	158	153	56	0	190	1,139	0	4,648
Greenwich,	F. P. Hall,	60	43	50	20	0	0	0	15	146	21	0	38	220	0	600
Groton,	Rev. Henry H. Gay,	141	73	110	36	707	262	27	181	67	46	0	177	1,467	0	2,168
" West,	Charles Bixby,	60	37		30	10	0	0	11	4	0	0	0	25	0	375
Groveland,	Charles S. Huntress,	128	81	150	27	43	5	9	12	72	21	0	80	242	0	1,061
Hadley, 1st,	A. J. Randall,	120	79	98	55	133	11	7	65	33	4	3	15	271	0	1,265
" 2d, North,	J. W. Lane,	75	40	70	37	34	0	0	11	8	0	0	2	55	0	546
Halifax,	Miss M. J. Danforth,	40	23	50	34	41	0	0	20	0	7	0	6	74	0	403
Hamilton,	Joseph P. Lovering,	125	55	160	100	58	0	3	31	0	2	0	106	200	0	2,346
Hampden,	Alonzo B. Newell,	40	23	50	12	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	800
Hanover, West,	James Richmond, **So. H.**	90	60	85	60	12	0	0	0	5	0	0	16	33	0	975
" Four Corners,	Israel Hatch,	56	34	50	26	33	2	1	9	6	5	0	12	68	0	691
Hanson,	Miss M. A. Carr,	125	70	120	45	36	4	4	6	7	5	2	10	74	0	788
Hardwick,	Frank W. Kimball,	71	28	82	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	12	17	0	1,000
" Gilbertville,	Elmer M. Marsh,	215	196	135	50	205	138	45	254	86	48	23	111	910	0	1,802
Harvard,	Dea. J. W. Bacon, Ayer,	75	45	50	50	77	5	0	32	3	5	0	25	147	0	1,087
Harwich,	Cyrenus S. Hunt,	76	48	70	47	47	0	8	0	0	0	0	18	73	0	1,032
" Port,	Mrs. Jehiel Jordan,	107	61	100	28											
Hatfield,	Samuel F. Billings,	192	121	135	73	310	66	51	260	128	46	0	235	1,096	47,700	2,257
Haverhill, B'fd,	Rev. Vincent Moses,			400	111	180	22	20	285	32	45	0	14	598	0	3,100
" West,	Dea. F. A. Russell,	145	88	100	75	41	10	13	108	90	24	36	75	397	500	1,208
" 4th,	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	35	22	40	0	12	0	0	43	17	5	0	425	502	0	475
" Center,	W. D. Deering,	400	204	400	137	160	67	74	100	329	17	0	245	992	0	8,000
" North,	William H. Johnson,	271	197	500	77	186	24	28	172	86	32	0	130	658	1,000	7,000
" Riverside,	Dea. A. W. Brown,	260	135	212	95	22	0	10	23	3	5	0	85	148	0	947
" Union,	Samuel C. Rand, jr.,	300	163	250	70	15	0	0	0	5	0	0	50	70	0	2,025
" St. John's, *Fr.*						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	
" Ward Hill,	Charles F. Bisbee,	159	85	115	43	17	0	0	14	4	6	0	23	64	0	3,165
Hawley,	Mrs. T. T. Clark,	44	24	40	15	28	0	0	0	13	2	2	20	65	0	400
" West,	C. C. Fuller,	40	27	35	33	3	2	2	24	3	5	0	15	54	0	355
Hingham,	Charles Bates, **H. Center,**	117	57	83		36	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1,200
" Bethany,	H. O. Beale,	30	25	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Hinsdale,	1795	James Hosmer,	James H. Laird, *p. c.*	'64	'83	63	115	178	53	3	1	4	8	12	3	23	0	9
Holbrook,	1856	Seth C. Sawyer,	Warren F. Low, *p. c.*	'94	'94	75	169	244	49	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	0
Holden,	1742	Miss Nancy Perry,	Thomas E. Babb, *p.*	'69	'92	38	63	101	24	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0
Holland,	1765	Mrs. E. J. Webber,	Josiah G. Willis, *p.*	'76	'96	8	22	30	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Holliston,	1728	Dea. Wm. Daniels,	Nicholas Vander Pyl, *p. c.*	'93	'95	69	176	245	40	2	6	8	9	1	15	25	1	1
Holyoke, 1st,	1799	John K. Judd,	George W. Winch, *p. c.*	'75	'88	89	178	267	11	4	9	13	3	7	1	11	2	6
" 2d,	1849	Dea. C. J. Humeston,	Edward A. Reed, *p. c.*	'71	'86	290	648	938	137	27	17	44	8	19	0	27	9	29
" *French*,	1886	Dr. George Robert,	Charles H. Vessot, *p.*	'92	'93	18	22	40	7	11	1	12	1	0	0	1	0	1
Hopkinton,	1724	Dea. John C. Adams,	James B. King, *p. c.*	'84	'99	77	145	222	77	8	0	8	7	7	0	14	4	4
Hubbardston,	1770	Miss Lucy H. Grimes,	Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57	'99	17	33	50	11	1	4	5	1	3	0	4	0	0
Hudson,	1889	Philander H. Ware,	Almon J. Rackliffe, *p.*	'82	'94	32	76	108	15	5	3	8	0	2	0	2	4	3
Huntington, 1st, Norwich,	1778	Dea. C. H. Kirkland,	Webster L. Hendrick, *p.*	'89	'98	24	40	64	12	0	2	2	5	1	1	7	0	0
" 2d,	1846	Frank S. Jones,	G. Walter Fiske, *p. c.*	'98	'98	38	83	121	32	0	4	4	2	2	0	4	0	0
Hyde Park,	1863	Arthur H. Burt,	Henry N. Hoyt, *p. c.*	'76	'98	222	460	682	98	4	10	14	3	8	4	15	0	6
" Clarendon Hills,	1880	George Jeffers,	Achilles L. Loder, *p.*	'77	'97	28	41	69	16	3	4	7	1	1	23	25	2	3
Ipswich, 1st,	1634	Dea. J. C. Cogswell,	Edward Constant, *p.*	'83	'92	34	126	160	23	4	3	7	2	1	0	3	3	0
" South,	1747	Joseph I. Horton,	T. Frank Waters, *p. c.*	'76	'79	31	134	165	26	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3
" Linebrook,	1749	Dea. J. H. Tenney,	William P. Alcott, *p. c.*	'68	'86	24	23	47	12	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0
Kingston,	1828	Mrs. E. R. La Porte,	Zenas Crowell, *p. c.*	'77	'86	19	58	77	23	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0
Lakeville,	1725	Dea. C. F. Paull, Myricks,	George H. Perry, *p.*	'87	'97	36	35	71		1	0	1	1	6	0	7	1	0
" Union Grove,	1877		Vaola J. Hartshorne, *p.*	'65	'98	1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancaster,	1839	Horatio Bailey,	Charles S. Haynes, *p. c.*	'94	'96	38	62	100	35	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1
Lanesboro,	1764	Dea. Wm. S. Royce,	[George W. Love, *Meth.*]		'94	4	14	18	3	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lawrence, Lawrence st.,	1847	Albert I. Couch,	William E. Wolcott, *p. c.*	'81	'85	153	385	538	176	6	15	21	5	5	0	10	3	6
" South,	1868	Dea. G. W. Dinsmore,				40	97	137	17	2	9	11	1	0	0	1	2	2
" Riverside,	1878	Richard Shiers,	Henry E. Oxnard, *p. c.*	'94	'96	36	98	134	32	3	0	3	1	3	0	4	0	11
" Trinity,	1883	Edwin Fletcher,	Frederick A. Page, *p. c.*	'93	'96	129	277	406	60	10	6	16	4	10	0	14	4	7
" United,	1886	Christopher Warburton	Herbert G. Mank, *p. c.*	'88	'98	35	87	122	10	18	15	33	3	2	0	5	6	10
Lee,	1780	Dea. Charles H. Sabin,	Lyman S. Rowland, *p. c.*	'64	'77	161	285	446	100	11	8	19	4	2	0	6	5	3
Leicester,	1719	George O. Currier,	David C. Reid, *p. c.*	'84	'94	77	131	208	68	0	3	3	5	0	0	5	0	0
Lenox,	1769	Dea. Henry Sedgewick,	Frederic Lynch, *p. c.*	'99	'99	57	94	151	28	3	0	3	1	6	5	12	1	2
Leominster,	1822	Charles E. Woodward,	Lawrence Phelps, *p.*	'75	'99	160	324	484	62	2	5	7	5	5	0	10	0	5
" North,	1874	Emma G. Hall,	James M. Bell, *p.*	'58	'93	19	49	68	5	0			2	0	1	3	0	0
Leverett,	1774	Cephas F. Frary,	Richard Scoles,	'80	'99	40	68	108	45	0	0	0	3	4	22	29	0	0
" Moore's Corner,	1896	J. C. Wightman,	[John C. Wightman, *Lic.*]		'95	16	19	35	3	0	1	1	1	1	3	5	0	0
Lexington,	1868	James P. Prince,	Charles F. Carter, *p. c.*	'83	'96	68	137	205	46	0	10	10	3	6	0	9	0	5
Lincoln,	1747	George L. Chapin,	Edward E. Bradley, *p. c.*	'93	'93	32	51	83	24	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Littleton,	1840	Miss Abbie J. Cutter,	Amelia A. Frost, *p. c.*	'94	'95	50	80	130	23	6	2	8	2	2	0	4	4	0
Longmeadow,	1716	Edward P. Tabor,	Stephen G. Barnes, *p. c.*	'81	'91	52	131	183	27	6	12	18	2	1	3	6	0	6
Lowell, Pawtucket,	1797	Dea. John J. Colton,	Willis D. Leland, *p. c.*	'80	'92	50	103	153	19	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	1

Housatonic, *see* Great Barrington. Hyannis, *see* Barnstable.

Indian Orchard, *see* Springfield. Islington, *see* Westwood. Jamaica Plain, *see* Boston. Lanesville, *see* Gloucester. Linden, *see* Malden. Linebrook, *see* Ipswich.

NOTE. — By a clerical error, wrong figures were given on this page to Lenox, in 1898. They should have stood thus: 58, 98, 156, 27, 8, 4, 12, 3, 4, 4, 11, 2, 1.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Hinsdale,	Alden H. Pierce,	160	105	80	125	254	16	0	362	40	0	10	183	865	0	1,559
Holbrook,	Dea. Leonard Belcher,	214	115	175	49	109	19	17	318	85	78	20	304	950	0	2,800
Holden,	T. Earle Babb,	86	60	100	43	90	10	10	27	14	7	0	13	171	0	1,354
Holland,	Freeman B. Blodgett,	36	20	27	0	0	0	2	17	0	0	0	0	19	0	275
Holliston,	George B. Fiske,	207	127	250	60	109	0	8	221	33	0	0	133	504	0	3,128
Holyoke, 1st,	Roland T. Oakes,	518	306	345	120	293	19	21	304	60	55	21	1,200	1,973	0	6,000
" 2d,	A. H. Morton,	1,058	642	510	107	892	39	918	3,668	99	42	46	21,103	26,807	0	10,144
" *French*,	Adolphe Fluhmann,	26	17	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	57
Hopkinton,	J. David Stewart,	150	115	160	69	53	26	30	157	39	75	41	39	460	0	2,159
Hubbardston,	Charles T. Wyman,	55	24	40	9	21	3	0	7	7	2	0	0	40	0	600
Hudson,	M. T. Bailey,	147	95	90	47	8	0	0	37	12	0	0	38	95	0	897
Huntington, 1st,	James B. Lyman,	64	42	40	25	8	0	0	7	25	0	0	0	40	12	360
" 2d,	C. Winthrop Jones,	116	50	86	21	16	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	32	0	1,455
Hyde Park,	Edward S. Hathaway,	709	394		224	645	98	48	230	271	65	113	579	2,049	0	9,192
" Cl. Hills,	Henry L. Johnson,	147	109	96	69	16	2	2	21	13	5	1	14	77	0	939
Ipswich, 1st,	Rev. Edward Constant,	185	102	150	83	167	27	18	93	20	39	0	131	495	0	
" South,	Frank T. Goodhue,	150	80		47	100	61	70	145	148	38	20	48	630	0	1,745
" Linebrook,	Albert F. Tenney,	40	29	37	12	19	0	4	18	17	2	0	37	97	0	700
Kingston,	Miss Fannie B. McLauthlin,	90	40	70	38	59	8	10	35	18	10	5	16	161	0	1,400
Lakeville,	Thos. P. Paull, Myricks,	65	42	55	15	53	0	0	35	21	20	0	30	159	1,000	775
" Un. Grove,	Mrs. Elisha Cudworth,	10		23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Lancaster,	Rev. Charles S. Haynes,	99	64	90	40	91	29	9	96	70	28	0	8	331	0	1,316
Lanesboro,	Miss Lena Read,	45	35	17	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	250
Lawrence, L. st.	Lonzo S. Crosby,	352	209	350	118	60	15	15	1,050	200	75	0	350	1,765	0	4,800
" South,	Herbert B. Merrick,	280	206	225	41	37	6	0	28	18	0	0	17	106	0	2,600
" Riverside,	Rev. Henry E. Oxnard,	190	140	60	60	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	1,100
" Trinity,	Wilbur E. Rowell,	315	263	330	50	148	16	17	242	54	7	190	0	674	50	5,000
" United,	Peter Pickens,	149	125	130	88	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	15	23	0	6,950
Lee,	Augustus R. Smith,	190	158	205	116	906	50	77	779	343	97	0	1,397	3,649	0	3,674
Leicester,	Albert S. Conant,	155	70	100	75	261	48	10	399	57	10	24	253	1,062	21,900	2,949
Lenox,	Edward C. Carter,	171	82	60	70	133	18	8	80	34	30	0	70	373	0	2,502
Leominster,	Walter N. Howe,	446	261	270	62	208	41	17	108	168	42	0	547	1,131	0	4,075
" North,	Charles H. Haven,	130	84	75	59	55	16	7	95	14	0	7	4	198	0	1,700
Leverett,	C. Hall Beaman,	127	71	80	24	10	0	0	30	26	0	0	0	66	22	443
" Moore's Cor.	E. E. Briggs,	60	40	58	0	10	0	4	6	0	2	0	5	27	0	2,496
Lexington,	Allston M. Redman,	180	121	110	80	231	47	88	236	152	40	6	10	810	0	4,226
Lincoln,	Edward F. Flint,	60	35	80	30	797	25	10	327	150	18	10	35	1,372	0	1,800
Littleton,	George W. Canny,	80	40	50	65	15	12	7	21	9	6	0	63	133	0	1,164
Longmeadow,	Frank B. Allen,	190	81	128	52	447	268	27	180	72	18	19	49	1,080	0	1,789
Lowell, Pt.,	Charles F. Miles,	245	146	180	123	96	0	159	26	12	0	146	0	439	0	4,886

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Lowell, 1st,	1826	Dea. Andrew Liddell,	Franke A. Warfield, *p. c.*	'71	'98	151	387	538	178	0	7	7	2	13	0	15	0	5
" 1st Trinitarian,	1826	Dea. Daniel A. Eaton,	George F. Kenngott, *p.*	'89	'92	152	403	555	108	25	4	29	6	9	0	15	8	16
" Eliot,	1830	Frank W. Corey,	John M. Greene, *p. c.*	'57	'70	132	308	440	87	19	10	29	6	0	0	6	8	10
" John st.,	1839	Wm. H. G. Wright,	George H. Johnson, *p. c.*	'77	'92	61	148	209	59	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	1
" Kirk st.,	1845	Albert L. Thompson,	William A. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'86	'96	172	393	565	175	14	14	28	8	6	0	14	10	6
" High st.,	1846	Francis N. Chase,	Chas. W. Huntington, *p. c.*	'81	'88	76	160	236	44	3	2	5	2	2	0	4	2	4
" *French*,	1877	Auguste Lowe,	Thomas G. A. Coté, *p.*	'71	'95	68	62	130	24	6	0	6	4	0	0	4	6	10
" Highland,	1884	Edgar E. Linnell,	Charles L. Merriam, *p. c.*	'82	'91	90	224	314	70	7	11	18	3	10	0	13	4	2
" *Swed.*,	1885	Dea. Alfred Swanson,	Andrew P. Nelson, *p. c.*	'94	'97	28	62	90	8	10	0	10	0	0	2	2	0	5
" *Norwegian*,	1895	Carl A. Hanson,	Carl M. Jacobson, *p.*	'98	'98	8	11	19	2	4	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	2
Ludlow, Center,	1789	Rev. E. D. Francis,	Everett D. Francis, *p. c.*	'95	'95	43	87	130	27	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0
" Union,	1867	A. A. Gove,	William Thomas, *p.*	'82	'97	26	72	98	10	0	3	3	1	6	0	7	0	14
Lunenburg,	1835	Edmund S. Francis,	David Wallace, *p.*	'94	'97	25	68	93	29	5	4	9	2	0	1	3	2	0
Lynn, 1st,	1632	Guilford S. Newhall,	William C. Merrill, *p.*	'84	'96	78	182	260	23	3	13	16	4	1	0	5	1	3
" Central,	1850	Edward A. Perkins,	Albert W. Moore, *p. c.*	'73	'82	106	231	337	63	4	2	6	4	9	2	15	1	0
" Chestnut st.,	1860	George E. Sargent,	George W. Osgood, *p.*	'78	'94	43	149	192	51	8	3	11	2	3	0	5	3	2
" North,	1869	W. Fred Haskell,	Arthur J. Covell, *p. c.*	'90	'98	53	151	204	26	4	10	14	4	7	3	14	4	2
" *Swed.*,	1888	Axel R. Bohlinder,	John A. Johnson, *p. c.*	'92	'88	37	63	100	15	8	0	8	0	5	2	7	0	19
Lynnfield, Center,	1720	Charles E. Pearson,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'95	19	57	76	15	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
" 2d,	1854	Rev. G. E. Freeman,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'95	6	31	37	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malden,	1648	Percy E. Walbridge,	Henry H. French, *p. c.*	'81	'95	251	489	740	122	7	28	35	6	8	1	15	2	9
" Maplewood,	1874	Charles H. Keeler,	[J. T. McBean,]		'99	56	127	183	30	1	11	12	2	5	0	7	1	4
" Linden,	1876	William W. Douglass,	John C. Williams, *p.*	'90	'95	19	55	74	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
Manchester,	1716	George F. Allen,	Walter H. Ashley, *p.*	'78	'98	55	134	189	23	1	5	6	8	4	1	13	1	0
Mansfield,	1838	Edward P. Fitts,	Herman F. Swartz, *p. c.*	'98	'98	82	174	256	32	8	3	11	3	7	13	23	4	0
Marblehead,	1684	Daniel Appleton,	S. Linton Bell, *p. c.*	'77	'84	54	189	243	33	5	10	15	1	1	0	2	3	4
Marion,	1703	Rev. H. L. Brickett,	Harry L. Brickett, *p. c.*	'94	'94	23	63	86		7	1	8	2	2	0	4	5	2
Marlboro',	1666	F. L. Claflin,	Lincoln B. Goodrich, *p. c.*	'93	'96	110	254	364	42	16	14	30	7	10	10	27	9	4
" *French*,	1891	Mrs. S. E. Olmstead,	Samuel E. Lord.	'98	'98	10	15	25	3	1	2	3	1	1	1	3	0	1
Marshfield, 1st,	1632	Dea. John H. Bourne,	Frederic W. Manning, *p. c.*	'91	'91	32	62	94	21	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0
" Hills,	1835	Israel H. Hatch, No. M.				10	24	34	8	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	0
Mattapoisett,	1736	L. L. B. Dexter,	Robert Humphrey, *p.*	'83	'96	18	63	81	17	2	3	5	2	3	0	5	0	0
Maynard,	1852	John W. Flood,				60	169	229	68	22	2	24	1	3	0	4	0	0
Medfield,	1828	Dea. Francis S. Wight,	Leroy M. Pierce, *p.*	'70	'97	23	89	112	33	5	2	7	1	6	0	7	1	2
Medford, Mystic,	1847	Nathaniel A. Dyer,	John Barstow, *p. c.*	'87	'94	133	307	440	50	11	12	23	6	17	0	23	4	17
" West,	1872	Henry Newcomb,	Judson V. Clancy, *p. c.*	'78	'96	66	155	221	48	3	4	7	2	7	0	9	2	8
" Union,	1887	James Learmonth,	Isaac Pierson, *p. c.*	'70	'95	37	58	95	9	18	9	27	2	2	0	4	8	2
Medway, West,	1750	Edgar S. Woodman,				48	106	154		0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
" Village,	1838	Rev. R. K. Harlow,	Rufus K. Harlow, *p. c.*	'68	'72	64	141	205	38	20	2	22	7	5		12	12	10
" 3d, West,	1886	Dea. M. B. Fuller,				8	23	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Lowell, 1st,	Tilden B. Stevenson,	363	180	0	85	107	0	0	115	10	0	0	130	362	0	5,217
" 1st Trin.,	Orrin C. Frye,	659	363	635	200	87	10	4	250	38	25	10	350	774	19	15,285
" Eliot,	Edward E. Sargent,	440	242	300	210	150	17	0	937	22	5	0	300	1,431	1,000	6,223
" John st.,	William H. G. Wright,	139	86	150	40	80	0	24	108	21	0	0	149	382	0	3,005
" Kirk st.,	Lewis Alexander,	350	202	360	80	396	357	1,524	2,820	87	24	32	3,426	8,666	0	7,844
" High st.,	Francis N. Chase,	337	173	225	36	290	69	111	625	217	32	55	1,680	3,079	0	5,838
" *French*,	Emile Paignon,	50	35	50	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	50	150	0	200
" Highl'd,	William T. Dole,	440	205	350	115	180	15	5	86	78	22	0	92	478	100	4,066
" *Swed.*,	Carl F. Pihl,	50	40	25	38	0	0	5	9	0	4	0	25	43	0	975
" *Norwegian*,						13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	120
Ludlow, Center,	G. D. Atchinson,	156	82	70	0	79	15	0	44	20	20	0	11	189	32	950
" Union,	Rev. Wm. A. Thomas,	103	78	120	40	46	10	0	12	0	3	0	27	98	0	1,400
Lunenburg,	Alphens K. Francis,	98	55	70	23	6	3	0	14	5	25	0	37	90	0	1,138
Lynn, 1st,	John J. McKenzie,	415	214	175	113	145	12	45	84	36	37	0	548	907	0	4,984
" Central,	Henry P. Emerson,	619	343	200	259	209	10	15	323	20	20	0	1,241	1,838	0	
" Chestnut st.,	Charles G. Clapp,	200	120	140	77	54	3	2	91	2	7	3	255	417	0	1,805
" North,	George P. Southwick,	214	134	193	84	46	24	0	49	0	7	0	124	250	0	3,535
" *Swed.*,	John E. Lindbury,	65	45	62	42	0	6	0	25	0	5	0	0	30	0	1,073
Lynnfield, Cen.,	George Hatch,	105	56	76	38	102	0	17	50	50	0	0	16	235	0	1,585
" 2d,	Fred Jacobs,	98	60	65	35	25	0	0	32	10	0	0	20	87	0	427
Malden,	Fred L. Cressey,	769	472	800	325	328	45	35	141	96	26	165	823	1,659	0	14,000
" Maplewood,	Frederick J. Smith,	283	182	225	31	55	0	0	103	0	0	0	103	261	0	2,010
" Linden,	H. W. Harper,	135	102	95	50	10	0	0	0	0	8	0	38	56	0	1,641
Manchester,	Albert Cunningham,	225	138	175	143	96	20	0	54	14	0	0	25	209	0	1,975
Mansfield,	William A. Copeland,	343	192	200	158	100	14	13	164	28	21	0	117	457	0	1,992
Marblehead,	John G. Broughton,	335	186	200	100	110	4	6	101	44	5	5	353	628	0	2,955
Marion,	Stephen D. Hadley,	147	59	115	40	74	48	10	126	40	5	0	40	343	0	2,251
Marlboro',	Deo. Elmer D. Howe,	320	220	275	102	350	89	39	225	214	26	35	755	1,733	200	3,992
" *French*,	Napoleon Cordeau,	40	28	15	22	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	176
Marshfield, 1st,	J. Fletcher Barnes,	137	55	110	43	130	17	96	116	117	75	0	7	558	0	1,033
" Hills,	Miss Agnes L. Sherman, N.M.	47	28	38	30	20	0	0	10	0	6	0	13	49	0	712
Mattapoisett,	J. C. F. Atsatt,	90	70	100	50	20	15	8	100	10	12	0	10	175	2,400	1,400
Maynard,	William A. Gutteridge,	285	180	185	123	125	151	17	275	0	9	0	214	791	0	1,904
Medfield,	Richard E. Cole,	96	53		59	37	10	6	12	23	5	0	30	123	0	1,475
Medford, Mystic,	Charles E. Miller,	583	348	343	157	470	59	64	656	157	129	0	653	2,188	0	5,936
" West,	Charles H. Hanson,	325	154	215	119	193	14	13	97	55	20	8	353	753	0	3,741
" Union,	Percy H. Hodgman,	194	108	120	84	39	15	21	145	13	6	0	34	273	0	1,095
Medway, West,	Carlos Kelsey,	180	85			0	0	0	0	2	0	0	27	29	0	1,525
" Village,	C. R. Adams,	128	78	141	50	70	10	20	50	25	25	5	196	401	0	2,635
" 3d, West,	Nathan W. Davenport,	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	7	119	0	0	0	169	0	

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Melrose,	1848	Dea. Isaac A. Cochran,	Thomas Sims, *p.*	'75	'97	161	297	458	65	3	9	12	4	5	0	+9	2	5
" **Highlands,**	1875	Fred A. Houdlette,	Burke F. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'93	102	240	342	13	13	22	35	2	11	0	-13	7	8
Merrimac,	1726	Richard A. Sargent,	George L. Todd, *p. c.*	'87	'92	137	255	392	52	7	2	9	7	0	1	+8	3	0
Methuen,	1729	Chas. H. T. Mann,	Charles H. Oliphant, *p. c.*	'76	'84	88	182	270	40	0	2	2	4	5	0	-9	0	2
Middleboro', 1st,	1694	Augustus H. Soule,	George W. Stearns, *p.*	'83	'91	55	108	163	23	2	0	2	4	0	0	-4	2	1
" **North,**	1748	Percy W. Keith,	Charles L. Tomblen,	'77	'99	39	70	109	20	0	0	0	0	8	0	-8	0	0
" Central,	1847	Henry W. Sears,	Rich'd G.Woodbridge,*p.c.*	'81	'93	114	248	362	45	10	6	16	2	13	1	-16	6	5
Middlefield,	1783		Henry M. Bowden,	'86	'99													
Middleton,	1729	Galen B. Howe,	Leslie C. Greeley, *p.*	'98	'98	32	67	99		0	0	0	4	1	0	-5	0	0
Milford,	1741	Willard S. Wood,	Webster Woodbury, *p. c.*	'68	'88	69	210	279		5	5	10	9	8	1	-18	5	1
Millbury,	1747	Dr. A. G. Hurd,	George A. Putnam, *p. c.*	'60	'71	41	139	180	61	0	2	2	4	1	0	-5	0	2
" 2d,	1827	Ira M. Goddard,	George P. Eastman, *p. c.*	'91	'91	46	138	184	33	5	2	7	6	3	0	-9	4	0
Millis,	1714	Dea. J.W. Clark,*a*	Albert H. Wheelock, *p.*	'88	'93	30	77	107	40	1	1	2	1	1	0	-2	0	4
Milton,	1678	A. H.Tucker, Blue Hill,	Henry S. Huntington, *p.*	'66	'88	35	67	102	18	1	3	4	2	2	0	-4	0	1
" **East,**	1843	Dea. Frank Kemp,	Andrew H. Mulnix,	'98	'99	11	28	39	1	0	9	9	0	1	0	-1	0	0
Monson,	1762	Mrs. C. C. Keep,	Franklin S. Hatch, *p. c.*	'76	'87	84	185	269	39	51	5	56	3	3	0	-6	41	0
Montague,	1752	Sanford Marsh,	Martin L. Richardson, *p.*	'60	'91	37	91	128	25	0	0	0	5	0	0	-5	0	0
" **Miller's Falls,**	1872	Mrs. Laura A. Giles,	Dorr A. Hudson, *p.*	'91	'93	13	38	51	6	0	4	4	0	1	0	-1	0	4
" **Turner'sFalls,**	1875	Frank N. Conant,	Frank N. Merriam, *p. c.*	'92	'97	35	71	106	17	3	2	5	2	2	0	-4	1	1
Monterey,	1750	Miss J. A. Townsend,	John Dooley, *p.*	'72	'98	36	77	113	23	3	5	8	0	0	4	-4	2	0
Mt. Washington,	1874					6	17	23	13									
Nantucket,	1728	Miss Lydia M. Folger,	Walcott Fay, *p.*	'84	'97	11	100	111	19	0	6	6	2	0	0	+2	0	1
Natick,	1802	Dea. F. M. Forbush,	Frederick E. Sturgis, *p. c.*	'68	'84	204	473	677	66	41	15	56	11	10	0	+21	29	7
" **South,**	1859	Miss A. M. Caswell,	Irving A. Burnap, *p.*	'92	'97	25	44	69	17	3	2	5	0	5	0	+5	1	0
Needham,	1857	Joseph Willett,	Ralph J. Houghton,	'91	'99	76	152	228	42	2	4	6	2	2	0	+4	0	1
New Bedford, **Acushnet,**	1696	Frederic B. Hawes,	Frederick L. Davis, *p.*	'93	'99	18	43	61	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0	0	0
" North,	1807	William R. Chase,	John A. MacColl, *p. c.*	'83	'90	147	372	519	49	10	13	23	6	7	0	-13	8	6
" Trinitarian,	1831	James C. Briggs,	Matthew C. Julien, *p. c.*	'72	'72	54	148	202	37	2	3	5	3	3	0	-6	2	0
New Braintree,	1754	Dea. George K. Tufts,	Francis H. Boynton, *p.*	'64	'95	16	33	49	16	0	0	0	2	1	0	-3	0	1
Newbury,	1635	Dea. John C. Rolfe,	Charles S. Holton, *p. c.*	'92	'97	37	97	134	14	5	8	13	3	2	0	+5	3	2
" **Byfield,**	1706	Joseph N. Dummer,	David C. Torrey, *p. c.*	'92	'92	41	77	118	36	1	1	2	4	2	2	-8	1	0
Newburyport, North,	1768	Joseph B. Smith,				119	296	415	77	28	3	31	12	3	0	+15	11	6
" Prospect st.,	1793	Charles R. Todd,	Myron O. Patton, *p. c.*	'94	'95	66	184	250	39	7	8	15	3	2	2	+7	5	1
" Belleville,	1808	Charles A. Currier,	{ Daniel T. Fiske, *p. c.*	'47	'47	106	238	344		6	7	13	6	13	0	-19	1	4
			{ Albert W.Hitchcock, *p.c.*	'91	'91													
" Whitefield,	1850	Arthur B. Reed,	Frank G. Alger, *p.*	'86	'98	63	165	228	40	4	4	8	1	7	0	-8	4	1
New Marlboro', 1st,	1744	Rev. Aaron W. Field,	Edwin C. Gillette, *p.*	'98	'98	11	22	33	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0	0	0
" **Southfield,**	1794	Howard A. Cook,	Edwin C. Gillette, *p.*	'98	'98	25	26	51	9	3	0	3	2	1	2	-5	3	0
" **Mill River,**	1871	Dea. E. W. Rhoades,	John B. Lewis, *p.*	'95	'97	26	42	68	11	13	7	20	1	0	0	+1	8	0
New Salem,	1845	Mrs. A. V. House,	Albert V. House, *p.*	'94	'94	30	39	69	20	0	2	2	1	4	0	-5	0	0

Rockville. Miller's Falls, *see* Montague. Mill River, *see* New Marlboro'. Mittineague, *see* West Springfield. Miliville, *see* Blackstone.
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Melrose,	Frank G. Kellogg,	630	360	330	191	302	41	24	228	128	9	20	498	1,250	0	6,400
" Highlands,	Dea. W. W. Mason,	567	243	289	140	76	50	32	145	149	15	22	143	632	0	5,320
Merrimac,	Rev. George L. Todd,	378	181	231	117	43	0	15	108	103	14	11	11	305	0	2,525
Methuen,	Rev. Charles H. Oliphant,	200	120	175	25	245	20	16	66	6	23	80	348	804	0	3,000
Middleboro',	R. Francis Thompson,	130	68	130	45	133	17	18	95	19	29	15	23	349	0	1,780
" North,	N. W. Keith,	90	55	80	40	50	0	0	100	40	0	0	50	240	500	1,264
" Central,	Alonzo T. Ryder,	321	206	325	51	339	10	31	190	31	9	28	179	817	0	3,656
Middlefield,																
Middleton,	H. Erskine Howe,	116	70	93	85	43	3	4	17	3	3	0	0	73	0	1,022
Milford,	W. B. Whiting,	278	173	285	87	197	0	15	86	88	54	0	712	1,152	25	5,800
Millbury,	Clarence A. Fenner,	100	63	85	50	57	14	22	48	48	10	0	200	399	0	2,184
" 2d,	G. F. Chase,	121	101	127	37	280	107	18	79	35	16	0	99	634	0	1,700
Millis,	Evan F. Richardson,	150	70	155	50	35	7	7	31	10	14	0	11	115	0	2,250
Milton,	H. B. Tucker, **Mattapan**,	139	70	112	50	166	29	0	55	40	44	0	0	334	0	1,792
" East,	Frank Kemp,	95	64	100	45	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	27	0	1,405
Monson,	Edward F. Morris,	205	129	215	80	529	157	74	505	92	18	23	268	1,666	0	3,781
Montague,	W. C. Cummings,	119	69	120	54	30	8	6	83	15	3	0	10	155	0	1,240
" Miller's F'ls,	Mrs. Laura Giles,	90	60	125	50	6	2	4	8	2	4	0	63	89	0	862
" Turner's F'ls,	Elmer D. Severance,	260	167	100	50	39	21	20	21	52	10	12	75	250	0	2,000
Monterey,	M. V. Thompson,	128	77	90	53	20	0	0	6	13	0	0	3	42	0	650
Mt. Washington,	Herbert A. Jump,	25	20	15		0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	14	0	406
Nantucket,	Mrs. Charlotte A. Huxford,		61	100	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	66	0	1,346
Natick,	H. Carl Smith,	630	400	500	121	392	73	50	586	50	25	15	541	1,732	0	7,013
" South,	Rev. I. A. Burnap,	68	37	50	26	12	0	2	14	0	0	0	2	30	0	825
Needham,	Joseph M. Nickerson,	170	77		40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,780
New Bedford,	Frederic B. Hawes,	90	41	100	50	74	0	0	0	46	0	0	22	142	0	950
" North,	David A. Corey,	484	264	400	100	484	25	72	966	53	13	264	893	2,770	0	6,049
" Trin.,	William N. Bassett,	400	300	300	0	168	17	0	388	9	48	0	865	1,495	0	5,760
New Braintree,	Dea. Horatio Moore,	50	19	52	28	15	0	2	20	35	4	0	4	80	0	800
Newbury,	William F. Humphreys,	225	126	210	63	91	0	0	115	51	22	0	297	576	0	2,100
" Byfield,	Joseph N. Dummer,	110	80	100	65	8	25	8	10	20	0	0	0	71	0	1,000
Newburyport, N.	John T. Lunt,	335	138	265	51	144	12	0	65	73	14	30	254	592	0	3,000
" Prospect st.,	Charles A. Bliss,	285	104	200	56	176	10	9	308	15	6	0	295	819	0	2,400
" Belleville,	George A. Dickey,	500	308	460	125	347	54	78	628	224	17	0	362	1,710	1,500	3,400
" Whitefield,	H. B. Packard,	135	61	175	77	58	0	0	32	7	5	0	502	604	0	1,906
New Marlboro',	Henry R. Stevens,	m48	19	35	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	220
" Southfield,	Alvin C. Chapin,	45	32	35	35	6	4	0	4	5	4	0	12	35	0	400
" Mill River,	Edw. W. Rhoades,	135	36	90	34	35	0	0	10	0	5	0	405	455	0	598
New Salem,	Rev. A. V. House,	90	60	85	14	31	0	8	7	7	1	0	0	54	0	908

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Newton 1st, Center,	1664	Edward L. Allen,	Dan'l L. Furber, *p.c. em.*	'47	156	250	406	39	10	20	30	8	17	0	25	6	7
			Edward M. Noyes, *p.c.*	'83													
" 2d, West,	1781	Julius C. Clarke,	Henry J. Patrick, *p.c. em.*	'54	106	259	365	42	9	20	29	6	5	6	17	4	0
			Theo. P. Prudden, *p. c.*	'74													
" Eliot,	1845	Louis C. Stanton,	William H. Davis, *p. c.*	'97	228	391	619		3	22	25	11	8	0	19	1	9
" Auburndale,	1850	Henry G. Hildreth,	Calvin Cutler, *p. c. em.*	'67	127	256	383	80	20	16	36	3	16	6	25	9	6
			Chas. M. Southgate, *p. c.*	'70													
" North,	1866	Charles A. Worth,	Daniel Greene, *p. c.*	'79	'92	65	106	171	85	5	2	7	0	6	0	6	0	4
" Newtonville,	1868	Wallace C. Boyden,				102	250	352	63	15	9	24	3	11	0	14	7	12
" Highlands,	1872	William A. Wood,	Charles E. Havens, *p. c.*	'81	'93	74	157	231	51	4	5	9	5	3	0	8	3	5
Norfolk,	1839	Lyman E. Ware,	Edson J. Moore, *p.*	'61	'85	18	38	56	13	3	6	9	2	4	0	6	3	3
North Adams,	1827	Edwin Barnard,	William L. Tenney, *p. c.*	'88	'95	171	365	536	18	14	9	23	8	13	90	111	3	5
Northampton, 1st,	1661	William G. Bassett,	Henry T. Rose, *p. c.*	'70	'92	109	362	471	30	3	13	16	8	3	0	11	2	7
" Edwards,	1833	Dea. S. E. Bridgman,	Peter McMillan,	'81	'99	128	324	452	92	13	3	16	12	3	0	15	4	0
" Florence,	1861	Dea. E. H. Barnard,	Elisha G. Cobb, *p. c.*	'60	'66	96	247	343	50	5	13	18	4	3	0	7	4	2
North Andover,	1834	Daniel W. Carney,	Henry E. Barnes, *p. c.*	'62	'93	107	193	300	80	4	2	6	1	7	1	9	0	1
North Attleboro', Oldtown,	1712	Miss Mary A. Mathias,	John Whitehill, *p.*	'61	'69	23	44	67	11	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	3	2
" A. Falls,	1874	Miss Ada M. Perry,				20	61	81	8	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	0	0
" Trinity,	1892	D. Sanford Hall,	Charles A. Ratcliffe, *p.*	'91	'96	22	71	93	19	3	1	4	1	1	2	4	3	1
Northboro',	1832	Miss E. V. Yates,	Albert D. Smith, *p. c.*	'88	'96	29	74	103	25	3	9	12	5	6	0	11	2	0
Northbridge Center,	1782	Dea. Joshua W. Morse,	James H. Childs, *p.*	'75	'84	26	58	84	24	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	1
" Whitinsville,	1834	William J. Love,	John R. Thurston, *p. c.*	'59	'71	71	160	231	42	0	1	1	5	1	1	7	2	8
" Rockdale,	1879	Mrs. H. T. Whitin,	Ernest M. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'97	'97	14	33	47	5	7	10	17	0	1	0	1	6	1
North Brookfield, 1st,	1752	Dea. A. J. Goddard,	John L. Sewall, *p. c.*	'82	'96	107	252	359	56	1	5	6	6	5	19	30	0	6
" Union,	1854	Dea. James Miller,	Joseph J. Spencer, *p. c.*	'90	'91	29	79	108	20	0	5	5	7	3	0	10	1	5
Northfield, East,	1825	Miss Mary I. Dutton,	Cyrus I. Scofield, *p.*	'83	'96	155	269	424	42	37	16	53	0	31	0	31	16	0
North Reading,	1720	Dea. Isaac A. Flint,	Eugene E. Colburn, *p.*	'75	'96	32	67	99	16	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	0
Norton,	1832	Miss Lucy D. Fozer,	Charles E. Harris, jr., *p.*	'94	'98	12	43	55	15	0	1	1	1	5	0	6	0	0
Norwood,	1736	Herbert M. Plympton,	Charles F. Weeden, *p. c.*	'88	'95	97	152	249	33	4	9	13	5	8	0	13	2	15
Oakham,	1767	Dea. Jessie Allen,	Allen A. Bronsdon, *p. c.*	'97	'97	32	83	115	28	5	3	8	3	2	0	5	5	0
Orange, North,	1843	Rev. John H. Garman,	William Harris,	'76	'99	8	14	22	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Central,	1846	F. D. Kellogg,	Christopher W. Collier, *p.c.*	'94	'99	104	192	296	40	5	1	6	5	7	0	12	5	1
" *Swedish*,	1891	John G. Blanquist,	John M. Henrickson, *p.*	'96	'96	44	46	90	3	2	0	2	1	5	3	9	0	12
Orleans,	1646	Orville W. Crosby,	Everett I. Rackett, *p. c.*	'94	'93	28	112	140		1	3	4	1	1	0	2	1	0
Otis,	1779	Mrs. Mary J. Somes,	[Edward J. Ruliffson, *Lic.*]		'97	19	43	62	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Oxford,	1721	Mrs. Emily J. Pratt,	Albert E. Bradstreet, *p.*	'88	'94	36	114	150	29	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	0
Palmer, Thorndike,	1730	Charles F. Smith,	George M. Gerrish, *p.*	'94	'95	28	50	78	16	9	1	10	0	4	0	4	6	21
" 2d,	1847	Orrin P. Allen,	Fosdick B. Harrison, *p. c.*	'93	'99	90	178	268	19	65	21	86	2	9	0	11	39	1
" Three Rivers,	1876	Dea. Albert S. Geer,	Charles Olmstead, *p.*	'83	'98	97	109	206	64	12	13	25	1	14	2	17	6	1
Paxton,	1767	Dea. William Brown,	[George W. Clark, *Lic.*]		'98	23	66	89	21	0	1	1	1	2	4	7	0	0
Peabody, South,	1713	Peter J. Frye,	George A. Hall, *p. c.*	'86	'86	83	220	303	57	0	2	2	7	0	0	7	0	0
" 2d,	1874	Miss Mary Tudbury,	Lewis J. Thomas, *p.*	'78	'98	21	66	87	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	2

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Mem-bers.	For-eign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.	
Newton, 1st, Cen.	Charles E. Kelsey,	340	228	256	148	2,034	798	194	2,024	412	163	71	1,603	7,299	0	7,863
" 2d, West,	Charles A. Sanders,	279	188	234		475	245	97	1,611	306	78	0	1,983	4,795	0	6,749
" Eliot,	William E. Harding,	486	327	330	121	6,495	1,981	1,001	9,979	1,436	388	459	3,333	25,072	0	13,993
" Auburndale,	J. Franklin Ryder,	247	237	225	128	2,867	123	104	1,336	269	53	67	3,459	8,278	0	6,421
" North,	William Lowry,	180	105	80	50	4	3	0	0	9	2	0	20	38	0	1,600
" Newtonville,	Chas. W. Davidson,	302	205	250	55	487	163	38	825	135	44	41	25	1,758	0	9,655
" Highlands,	Albert F. Hayward,	249	155	196	81	844	77	18	362	161	12	0	81	1,555	0	4,081
Norfolk,	Dea. Edward W. Mann,	81	40	65	31	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	45	55	0	561
North Adams,	George W. Chase,	m480	365	425	53	304	41	57	534	100	35	0	660	1,731	0	5,990
Northampton, 1st	R. F. Armstrong,	260	170	360	96	723	152	151	782	508	0	97	595	3,008	0	6,469
" Edwards,	Fred H. Drury,	325	208	400	75	225	0	32	185	150	32	0	150	774	0	14,526
" Florence	Wm. O. Sania,	213	153	200	90	93	21	11	119	13	22	7	154	440	0	2,147
North Andover,	George E. Hathorne,	270	188	140	100	67	25	15	42	25	0	21	323	518	0	3,080
North Attleboro',	Rev. John Whitehill,	112	70	108	44	33	14	0	3	6	0	0	0	56	0	1,354
" A. Falls,	Rev. Martin L. Williston,	151	81	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,353
" Trinity,	Robert G. Sample,	120	59	90	20	21	0	0	23	0	3	0	17	64	0	1,361
Northboro',	Robert V. Carey,	181	74	96	21	64	34	26	59	34	25	9	48	299	0	1,376
Northbridge C.,	Frank E. Taft,	82	50	91	53	98	10	10	76	12	30	0	31	267	0	900
" Whitinsville,	Arthur F. Whitin,	317	203	264	79	3,357	1,454	605	2,555	1,461	641	431	3,541	14,045	0	3,077
" Rockdale,	Dea. Benjamin W. Brown,	87	63	52	57	40	4	5	34	2	5	4	69	163	0	896
North Brookfield,	George W Gerry,	243	191	286	140	307	73	26	232	120	30	0	349	1,137	1,500	4,211
" Union,	Miss Ella H. Stone,	118	71	189	49	25	70	0	65	94	25	120	249	648	100	2,157
Northfield,	Ambert G. Moody,	550	225	150	46	190	0	0	295	75	0	0	10	570	0	2,869
North Reading,	Dea. J. Milton Robinson,	140	67	100	36	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	56	2,000	1,118
Norton,	Arthur E. Sweet,	50	26	65	25	336	0	0	57	36	0	0	0	429	0	1,232
Norwood,	Edward D. Baker,	328	157	350	52	210	159	18	136	143	140	0	80	886	0	13,501
Oakham,	Dea. Horace W. Lincoln,	100	70	125	57	46	0	0	99	50	22	0	180	397	0	720
Orange, North,	Dea. Henry P. Frye,	40	26	22	12	0	6	0	8	0	0	0	0	14	0	137
" Central,	W. B. Lawton,	318	177	300	86	219	0	34	179	39	25	0	0	496	0	2,300
" *Swedish*,	Carl Engnall,	125	110	55	18	16	0	0	39	0	3	0	20	78	406	1,646
Orleans,	Freeman E. Snow, E. O.	100	65	130	28	46	0	4	69	19	11	0	88	237	0	1,095
Otis,	J. K. Adams,	m87	36	103	34	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	0	200
Oxford,	Dea. D. Milton Howe,	155	71	135	35	141	46	30	158	132	14	12	105	638	0	1,677
Palmer, Thorn'e,	Jason W. Miller,	80	49	75	58	31	16	0	19	6	0	0	69	141	0	1,623
" 2d,	L. H. Gayer,	264	160	230	77	43	114	24	71	98	71	9	160	590	0	2,969
" Three Rivers,	James H. Trickett,	211	134	100	95	30	50	25	38	0	9	0	95	247	0	1,457
Paxton,	Charles F. Flint,	45	38	65		31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	
Peabody, South,	Alden Rowell,	309	170		130	592	172	40	409	81	28	0	242	1,564	0	9,640
2d	William T. Wolloff,	110	60	150	50	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	9	21	0	

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Peabody, **West**,	1891	Frank K. McIntire,	Owen E. Hardy,	'94	'99	15	34	49	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Pelham,	1837	Mrs. Lucy E. Tillson,	[Horace C. Broughton,]		'97	8	8	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Packardville, **Enfield**,	'69	D. O. Chickering,	[Horace C. Broughton,]		'97	11	18	29	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Pepperell,	1747	Walter L. Harrison,	J. Brainerd Thrall, *p.*	'78	'97	80	162	242	34	1	5	6	6	4	0	10	0	0
Peru,	1770	Dea. Jewett H. Geer,	Albert H. Plumb,		'98	21	34	55	14	2	0	2	1	2	5	8	2	0
Petersham,	1823	Dea.. Chas. K. Wilder,	Preston R. Crowell, *p.*	'90	'97	2	23	25	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Phillipston,	1785	Mrs. Lyman B. Smith,	Preston R. Crowell, *p.*	'90	'97	21	36	57	20	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0
Pittsfield, 1st,	1764	Dea. H. A. Brewster,	Wm. V. W. Davis, *p. c.*	'77	'93	157	386	543	61	8	7	15	10	11	0	21	0	8
" 2d,	1846	Mrs. Leah Gardiner,	Samuel Harrison, *p.*	'50	'72	8	24	32	5	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
" South,	1850	Frank E. Pierson,	I. Chipman Smart, *p. c.*	'85	'85	168	284	452	30	1	2	3	7	9	0	16	1	8
" Pilgrim Mem.,	1897	Edwin R. Burdick,	Raymond Calkins, *p. c.*	'96	'96	55	76	131	12	12	17	29	1	6	0	7	11	18
Plainfield,	1786	Dea. S. W. Clark,				31	50	81	17	1	4	5	1	3	1	5	1	0
Plymouth, **Manomet**,	1738	Mrs. E. P. Bartlett,	Haig Adadourian, *p.*	'97	'97	18	36	54	9	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	3
" Pilgrimage,	1801	Dea. Charles F. Cole,	D. Melancthon James, *p.*	'87	'99	74	274	348	24	5	3	8	3	5	51	59	0	11
" **Chiltonville**,	1894	Miss L. B. Nickerson,	Frederick B. Noyes, *p.*	'90	'97	10	26	36	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Plympton,	1698	Miss B. W. Sherman,				17	56	73	20	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
Prescott,	1823	George F. Allen,				11	18	29	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Princeton,	1764	Miss Susie A. Davis,	Charles A. White, *p.*	'73	'88	55	128	183	40	1	7	8	0	3	0	3	1	0
Provincetown,	1714	Mrs. Mary N. Lewis,	Charles Wattie,	'96	'99	8	36	44	7	0	0	0	1	0	14	15	0	0
Quincy, Bethany,	1832	Ernest D. Gourd,	Edwin N. Hardy, *p. c.*	'90	'05	126	231	357	40	7	19	26	3	16	0	19	1	0
" **Wollaston**,	1876	William P. Bailey,	Edward A. Chase, *p. c.*	'84	'99	53	96	149	30	0	11	11	1	3	0	4	0	1
" Wash. st., **Point**,	1883	Thos. B. Pollard, Q.	Edward Anderson, *p.*	'58	'98	11	34	45	6	1	1	2	1	7	0	8	1	0
" **Atlantic**,	1885	W. F. Cummings,	John H. Whitaker, *p.*	'93	'97	20	42	62	8	2	10	12	2	0	0	2	2	6
" *Swedish*,	1889	Eric Carlson,	[Chas. A. Bjornborn, *Swed. M.*]	'95	'95	50	83	133	3	17	0	17	2	17	0	19	0	18
" Park and Downs,	1897	George E. Seeger,	Frederick T. Knight, *p.*	'97	'97	11	16	27	2	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	2
Randolph,	1731	William D. Leavitt,	Charles H. Hilton, *p. c.*	'71	'93	51	125	176	38	3	2	5	4	0	0	4	2	0
Raynham,	1731	E. B. King, **Taunton**,	Sidney K. B. Perkins, *p.*	'60	'87	13	36	49	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
" **North**,	1875	Willard M. Copeland,	Sidney K. B. Perkins, *p.*	'60	'87	8	21	29	4	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Reading,	1849	Dea. Frank W. B. Pratt,	Frank S. Hunnewell, *p. c.*	'88	'98	126	340	466	89	11	14	25	7	4	5	16	7	7
Rehoboth,	1721	Miss E. B. Pierce,	Charles B. Wathen, *p.*	'83	'96	43	83	126	35	2	0	2	2	1	14	17	1	1
Revere, 1st,	1828	George A. Dalrymple,	Walter S. Eaton, *p. c.*	'91	'92	60	107	167	35	6	7	13	2	8	0	10	2	6
" Beachmont,	1881	A. B. Palmer,				20	48	68	0	6	11	17	1	9	1	11	4	6
Richmond,	1765	Henry L. Salmon,	T. Clair Luce, *p. c.*	'85	'91	41	70	111	7	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
Rochester, 1st,	1703	John S. Ryder,	John H. Quint, *p.*	'98	'98	14	42	56	13	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0
" **North**,	1753	George H. Randall,	Vaola J. Hartshorne, *p.*	'65	'98	12	17	29	7	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
" E., **W. Wareham**,	1887	George P. Morse,	Alonzo T. Lamb, *p.*	'93	'96	32	48	80	16	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	0
Rockland,	1813	Joshua S. Smith,	Fred H. Allen, *p.*	'74	'95	97	194	291	46	0	6	6	3	2	0	5	1	9
Rockport, 1st,	1755	Calvin W. Pool,	Israel Ainsworth, *p. c.*	'80	'91	49	162	211	25	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	1
" **Pigeon Cove**,	1874	Mrs. C. S. Hale,	Arthur H. Pingree, *p.*	'98	'98	9	38	47	9	1	0	1	1	0	3	4	1	0
" *Swedish*,	1892	John M. Landergren,	[Peter A. Johnson, *Lic.*]		'96	15	17	32	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2
Rowley,	1639	Benjamin P. Mighill,	David Fraser, jr., *p.*	'95	'98	39	115	154	29	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0
Royalston,	1766	Dea. Frank W. Adams,	Francis J. Fairbanks, *p. c.*	'64	'93	33	71	104	29	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	1	0
" **South**,	1837	Jeremiah A. Rich,	James A. Bates, *p.*	'60	'98	21	42	63	22	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Rutland,	1727	Dea. Wm. C. Temple,	Sidney Crawford, *p.*	'70	'93	76	107	183	41	1	1	2	7	7	0	14	1	6

Rockdale, *see* Northbridge. Roxbury, *see* Boston. Saundersville, *see* Grafton.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Peabody,	A. W. Felt,	80	56	90	30	5	0	5	5	0	5	0	5	25	0	541
Pelham,	H. C. Broughton,	15	13	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	96
" Packardville,	John Knight,	50	27	20	20	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	5	0	127
Pepperell,	L. C. Blood,	236	112		74	167	0	32	108	57	21	0	24	409	0	1,945
Peru,	Dea. Jewett H. Geer,	46	37	35	30	39	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	46	0	325
Petersham,	Augustus Skinner,	35	25	20	16	20	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	37	0	280
Phillipston,	Lyman B. Smith,	28	28	33	28	0	6	0	7	0	8	0	0	21	25	374
Pittsfield, 1st,	William C. Stevenson,	449	284	475	90	623	120	100	1,284	261	50	35	2,459	4,932	8,200	7,657
" 2d,	Mrs. Leah Gardiner,	45	15	30	29	0	0	0	5	2	1	0	3	11	0	300
" South,	Edward Tolman,	330	220	125	0	58	20	15	40	60	15	12	200	420	0	4,000
" Pilgrim M.,	Rev. Raymond Calkins,	240	150	125	47	4	2	2	9	6	2	2	67	94	0	1,400
Plainfield,	J. A. Winslow,	81	43	75	0	0	0	0	9	7	3	0	4	23	100	460
Plymouth, Man.,	Seth S. Bartlett,	80	45	85	24	2	0	3	11	3	0	0	0	19	100	600
" Pilgrimage,	William B. Welche,	240	183		113	96	8	8	169	48	10	0	25	364	0	3,650
" Chiltonville,	Mrs. Clarke Finney, Ply'outh	45	20	50	14	40	7	5	50	10	10	5	0	127	0	1,195
Plympton,	Dea. J. Fred. Ellis,	80	40	125	38	33	1	1	26	6	3	1	5	76	0	862
Prescott,	G. F. Allen,	27	19	32	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	159
Princeton,	W.M.Roper, jr., E.Hubbardston					269	150	13	92	87	13	0	90	714	0	1,500
Provincetown,	James E. Rich,	65	40	45	0	0	0	3	17	0	5	0	0	25	0	943
Quincy, Beth.,	E. W. Branch,	479	284	400	115	160	90	61	276	63	40	62	1,210	1,962	0	4,867
" Wollaston,	Charles A. Campbell,	160	120		58	282	0	87	69	56	25	0	623	1,142	0	3,905
" Wash'gton st.,	Charles H. Sherburne,	130	75	150	36	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	31	46	250	1,333
" Atlantic,	Walter F. Blake,	80	60	100	30	1	0	0	40	0	0	0	31	71	0	1,500
" *Swedish*,	Charles Leander,	125	110		30	7	0	0	38	7	0	0	168	220	380	1,218
" Pk. & Downs,						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	715
Randolph,	M. W. Baker,	142	68		61	209	41	72	356	174	5	0	148	1,005	0	2,900
Raynham,	Rev. Sidney K. B. Perkins,	82	37	73	16	18	12	0	13	14	0	0	22	79	0	750
" North,	Dea. William Palmer,	45	26	71	14	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	9	0	337
Reading,	Albin K. Parker,	465	264	325	174	275	66	66	539	119	0	33	480	1,578	0	4,240
Rehoboth,	Henry T. Horton,	120	60	80	37	7	0	10	5	5	0	0	14	41	0	1,100
Revere, 1st,	Charles A. Newton,	175	100	200	104	24	0	0	32	10	0	0	40	106	0	2,300
" Beachmont,	E. C. Anderson,	134	99			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,100
Richmond,	A. G. Kilts,	125	66	68	73	97	4	3	33	49	13	0	17	216	0	1,524
Rochester, 1st,	George B. Haskell,	54	31	75	28	74	0	0	0	46	0	0	22	142	0	950
" North,	George H. Gerrish,	35	28	30	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	5	20	0	231
" East,	Donald Beaton,	80	40	55	51	8	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	53	0	450
Rockland,	Clarence E. Rice,	400	187	270	75	95	10	10	55	35	2	10	55	272	0	3,662
Rockport, 1st,	Henry C. Davis,	184	120	220	98	63	6	19	110	12	33	7	176	426	0	2,131
" Pig. Cove,	Thomas Whigham,	50	31	36	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350
" *Swedish*,	Peter Johnson,	58	33			0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Rowley,	Willard P. Smith,	105	64	107	41	51	0	7	96	16	0	11	48	229	0	1,828
Royalston,	Frank W. Adams,	115	67	85	31	85	0	0	112	0	8	0	0	205	0	1,025
" South,	Alfred R. Hale,	63	34	89	20	20	0	0	3	18	3	0	20	67	0	600
Rutland,	E. W. Ward,	180	79	120	70	55	0	0	58	12	25	0	0	150	0	1,250

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Salem, Tabernacle,	1735	Ezra L. Woodbury,	DeWitt S. Clark, *p. c.*	68	'79	84	297	381	40	9	10	19	10	2	3	15	5	3
" South,	1735	Charles H. Hayward,	James F. Brodie, *p. c.*	'82	'89	62	192	254	47	8	4	12	10	7	0	17	5	2
" Crombie st.	1832	Henry J. Pratt,	John W. Buckham, *p. c.*	'88	'90	49	157	206	33	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	2	4
Sandisfield,	1756	Mrs. Sarah J. Hawley,				10	32	42	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" **New Boston,**	1874	E.R.Ingham, Montville,				11	33	44	13	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	0
Sandwich,	1638	Dea. S. R. Bourne,	Fred K. Ellsworth, *p.*	'98	'99	40	86	126	9	2	0	2	1	6	0	7	0	0
Saugus,	1732	John E. Stocker,	John C. Labaree, *p.*	'61	'93	15	49	64	18	9	5	14	2	1	0	3	4	2
" **Cliftondale,**	1888	Mrs. A. B. Smith,	W.ShermanThompson,*p.c.*	'91	'96	22	81	103	9	9	12	21	0	0	0	0	2	4
Scituate, Center,	1639	Miss Mary F. Perry,	Seelye Bryant, *p. c.*	'90	'96	25	62	87	7	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	2	2
Seekonk,	1888	Mrs. James Knapp,				15	13	28	4	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	0
Sharon,	1741	Dea. S. W. Billings,	Almon J. Dyer, *p. c.*	'86	'97	39	83	122	17	1	5	6	2	2	0	4	0	0
Sheffield,	1735	Dea. D. Boardman,	Evarts W. Pond, *p. c.*	'95	'96	37	98	135	17	0	0	0	2	2	2	6	0	0
Shelburne,	1770	Dea. L. G. Alvord,	Joseph A. Goodrich, *p.*	'96	'96	66	118	184	20	2	0	2	0	6	5	11	1	1
" **Falls,**	1850	Charles H. Ball,	William A. Bacon, *p. c.*	'95	'99	44	135	179	26	4	4	8	1	9	0	10	2	1
Sherborn,	1685	Dea. L. Coolidge,	Edmund Dowse, *p. c.*	'38	'38	36	81	117	34	5	5	10	4	2	0	6	2	2
Shirley,	1828	Rev. Joseph Torrey,	Joseph Torrey, *p.*	'60	'93	31	70	101	28	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
Shrewsbury,	1723	Charles O. Greene,	Edward A. Lathrop, *p.*	'95	'95	21	80	101	6	5	2	7	6	4	0	10	5	0
Shutesbury,	1742	Dea. N. A. Briggs,	[Alfred J. Sadler],		'98	18	42	60	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset,	1861	Rev. Thomas F. Norris,				16	34	50	25	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0
Somerville, 1st,	1855	G. A. Southworth,	Robert W. Wallace, *p. c.*	'72	'97	97	226	323	59	4	7	11	8	8	0	16	3	3
" Broadway,	1864	Frank E. Hodgkins,	Horace H. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'94	146	251	397	35	10	22	32	5	5	0	10	2	5
" West,	1874	A. J. Whittemore,W. S.	Peter MacQueen, *p. c.*	'91	'93	109	214	323	0	5	19	24	2	2	0	4	2	10
" Prospect Hill,	1874	John L. Ambrose,	Edward S. Tead, *p. c.*	'78	'84	115	218	333	0	4	5	9	3	9	24	36	1	5
" Winter Hill,	1883	Edwin A. Stone,	Charles L. Noyes, *p. c.*	'81	'82	76	147	223	12	7	4	11	3	2	0	5	5	8
" Highland,	1894	George T. Failey,	George S. Anderson, *p.*	'91	'94	40	86	126	6	11	9	20	0	3	0	3	0	6
Southampton,	1743	Henry L. Parsons,	John Cowan, *p.*	'75	'97	55	105	160	30	0	2	2	8	0	0	8	0	3
Southboro,	1831	H. A. McMaster,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'93	27	68	95	29	5	2	7	1	1	1	3	2	1
" **Southville,**	1865	Miss Annie E. Pearl,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'95	14	23	37	6	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Southbridge,	1801	Rev. W. A. Hadley,	Willis A. Hadley, *p. c.*	'78	'97	72	128	200	42	3	12	15	4	2	0	6	2	0
South Hadley,	1733	Calvin Preston,	Arthur B. Patten, *p. c.*	'94	'97	73	209	282	59	10	8	18	7	6	0	13	9	3
" **Falls,**	1824	Dea. Arthur N. Chapin,	Richard L. Swain, *p. c.*	'84	'94	75	186	261	67	4	2	6	2	5	0	7	3	4
Southwick,	1773	Edward M. Gillett,	Harry O. Hannum, *p. c.*	'96	'96	28	53	81	15	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	0
Spencer,	1744	Dea. Geo. H. Marsh,	Sherman W. Brown, *p. c.*	'93	'93	129	264	393	58	26	13	39	6	8	0	14	13	6
Springfield, 1st,	1637	A. L. Janes,	Frank L. Goodspeed, *p. c.*	'87	'94	316	726	1042	144	15	56	71	15	25	3	43	8	8
" Olivet,	1833	Dea. James B. Roberts,	Edwin H. Hadlock,	'93	'99	50	224	274	30	2	0	2	5	4	7	16	0	1
" South,	1842	W. A. Lincoln,	Philip S. Moxom, *p. c.*	'71	'94	150	327	477	80	9	11	20	15	7	0	22	3	2
" North,	1846	Ralph P. Alden,	Newton M. Hall,	'91	'99	144	315	459	76	5	4	9	6	23	7	36	2	6
" **Ind. Orchard,**	1848	William Neild,				71	109	180	40	3	4	7	7	1	0	8	2	5
" Hope,	1876	George H. Munroe,	Samuel H. Woodrow, *p. c.*	'88	'98	306	352	658	59	5	36	41	5	24	12	41	2	3
" *French,*	1886	J. W. Witty,	Thomas S. St. Aubin, *p. c.*	'93	'97	15	14	29	3	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	4
" Eastern av.,	1888	Frederick B. Miller,				61	94	155	21	1	2	3	1	12	11	24	0	4
" Emmanuel,	1888	Rev. D. L. Kebbe,	David L. Kebbe, *p. c.*	'91	'95	22	50	72	10	3	6	9	2	1	0	3	2	2
" Park,	1889	John G. Woods,	Allen E. Cross, *p. c.*	'92	'96	53	93	146	16	4	11	15	3	3	0	6	2	1
" St. John's,	1890	John H. Burr,	William N. DeBerry, *p. c.*	'99	'99	41	75	116	18	8	2	10	2	3	2	7	1	5

Saxonville, *see* Framingham. Scotland, *see* Bridgewater. Southfield, *see* New Marlboro. Southville, *see* Southboro.

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Salem, Tab'cle,	Frederick A. Fuller,	535	332	310	176	625	119	48	792	175	178	43	363	2,343	500	5,350
" South,	Frank H. Sargent,	301	217	247	60	719	50	20	368	111	48	0	541	1,857	0	0
" Crombie st.	Arthur F. Smith,	158	87	160	64	198	10	0	135	171	29	10	260	813	0	3,000
Sandisfield,	L. A. Hawley,	25	18	25	11	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	4	14	0	90
"	John A. Northway,	65	20	70	29	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	10	16	0	200
Sandwich,	E. S. Talbot, M. D.,	m85	57		35	54	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	56	0	1,000
Saugus,	John E. Stocker,	135	75	85	35	72	0	0	116	22	0	0	26	236	0	922
" Clift'd'e,	Edward T. Harwood,	197	113	150	81	50	3	8	115	7	0	4	0	187	0	2,275
Scituate,		90	57	90	38	52	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	104	50	1,100
Seekonk,	D. S. Peck,	76		32	24	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	189
Sharon,	Sanford W. Billings,	174	93	90	60	64	10	0	176	60	20	0	91	421	0	2,425
Sheffield,	Dea. R. F. Little,	106	66	100	60	97	20	0	106	8	7	0	10	248	0	1,400
Shelburne	Zera H. Fiske,	195	103	85	65	161	5	16	53	42	8	4	205	494	0	1,279
" Falls,	E. T. Stockwell,	146	108	153	61	75	9	7	52	39	6	7	64	259	0	1,440
Sherborn,	Elijah C. Barber,	m120	100	100	40	0	5	3	85	5	7	0	75	180	0	1,400
Shirley,	Erwin H. Livermore,	114	49	65	85	26	0	10	43	13	10	0	14	116	0	1,037
Shrewsbury,	Rev. Edward A. Lathrop,	144	63	125	62	82	31	10	38	24	0	7	96	288	1,100	2,200
Shutesbury,	Dea. N. A. Briggs,	38	19	35	13	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	14	64	0	290
Somerset,	F. A. Morrill,	105	40	71	25	25	0	3	7	0	3	0	8	46	0	789
Somerville, 1st,	George A. Southworth,	482	228	350	131	214	13	10	317	30	25	0	457	1,066	0	6,165
" Broadway,	Charles J. Hooper,	485	299	325	94	391	12	27	450	26	17	9	1,400	2,332	0	9,000
" West,	W. C. Stickel,	327				38	0	0	39	38	0	0	0	115	0	3,717
" Prospect Hill,	S. Gardner Higgins,	400	303	300	130	67	40	30	38	84	18	0	464	741	0	6,833
" Winter Hill,	John Herbert,	240	170	100	102	250	20	41	219	165	5	10	885	1,595	0	4,800
" Highland,	Arthur F. Breed,	301	151	200	35	5	0	0	69	12	14	0	110	210	0	2,579
Southampton,	E. K. Parsons,	122	71	92	18	111	8	10	165	52	19	14	34	413	0	1,300
Southboro,	H. A. McMaster,	80	51	50	0	17	0	0	0	23	8	0	18	66	0	1,332
" Southville,	Frank A. Pearl,	28	20	30	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	219
Southbridge,	Alva L. Hyde,	210	61	125	74	85	20	4	54	21	0	0	49	233	0	3,936
South Hadley,	C. E. Preston,	194	127	175	94	894	26	16	255	90	16	7	177	1,481	0	4,172
" Falls,	Henry E. Judd,	236	173	240	100	97	56	39	204	140	16	20	158	730	0	2,900
Southwick,	W. B. Harding,	76	31	71	40	2	3	0	9	2	3	0	31	50	0	891
Spencer,	Victor H. Morse,	459	245	440	134	613	38	106	285	145	107	3	603	1,900	0	5,431
Springfield, 1st,	Milton A. Dixon,	1,137	428	1,004	139	1,273	2,338	142	3,514	245	54	0	3,041	10,607	0	19,500
" Olivet,	E. G. Bates,	150	107	220	100	458	15	35	279	81	32	11	125	1,036	0	2,941
" South,	George D. Chamberlain,	270	185	250	50	1,186	735	93	1,042	247	76	108	2,551	6,038	200	12,186
" North,	Walter A. Brown,	246	148	125	116	290	57	55	291	103	62	59	304	1,221	0	5,970
" Indian Orch.,	James Greenaway,	225	144	150	92	84	5	0	29	33	0	0	271	422	0	1,700
" Hope,	Z. W. Kemp,	689	413	560	137	595	264	0	640	193	164	0	1,168	3,024	0	7,978
" *French*,	Gustave Michaud,	28	15	20	0	10	0	0	5	0	1	0	5	21	0	233
" Eastern av.,	D. F. Graham,	310	212	100	60	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	40	60	0	20,008
" Emmanuel,	John W. Ewig,	176	82	100	40	13	0	0	2	2	3	0	2	22	0	1,085
" Park,	Charles Jacobus,	295	140	150	72	135	25	0	178	17	19	22	168	564	0	5,580
" St. John's,	Edward A. Treadwell,	120	69	48	100	4	0	0	5	11	0	0	18	38	0	884

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Springfield, *Swedish,*	1891	Fred Anderson,	Gustaf Lindstrom, *p. c.*	'98	'98	20	40	60	4	6	9	15	0	1	5	+6	0	4
" Faith,	1894	Arthur C. Eddy,	Harry C. Meserve, *p. c.*	'94	'93	40	101	141	10	2	13	15	2	3	0	+5	0	5
Sterling,	1852	Rev. George H. Pratt,	George H. Pratt, *p.*	'66	'93	17	55	72	8	0	2	2	1	3	0	−4	0	0
Stockbridge,	1734	Charles A. Bidwell,	Charles S. Rich, *p. c.*	'96	'96	74	146	220	34	9	4	13	1	3	0	+4	7	7
" Curtisville,	1824	Edward L. Heath,	[Edward C. Sedgewick, *Lic.*]		'97	32	48	80	15	0	0	0	3	1	0	−4	0	0
Stoneham,	1729	Dea. O. W. Richardson,	Charles E. Beals, *p. c.*	'94	'94	93	211	304	80	6	10	16	5	5	0	10	3	5
Stoughton,	1799	Miss Mattie S. Sawyer,	Henry E. Bray,	'89	'99	38	86	124	34	5	2	7	0	2	0	−2	2	1
Sturbridge,	1736	Dea. John F. Hebard, *a*	Augustus M. Rice, *p.*	'73	'93	28	72	100	28	0	3	3	5	2	0	−7	0	2
Sudbury, South,	1640	Dea. F. F. Walker,	Clarence W. Rouse, *p. c.*	'90	'94	58	105	163	26	3	10	13	5	3	0	−8	1	1
Sunderland,	1718	Miss A. T. Montague,	Edward P. Butler, *p. c.*	'74	'89	94	134	228	23	2	2	4	3	8	1	12	2	4
Sutton,	1720	Clinton S. White,	John C. Hall, *p. c.*	'90	'91	46	102	148	39	8	0	8	2	0	0	−2	4	3
Swampscott,	1846	Barnet W. Redfern,	D. Emery Burtner, *p.*	'90	'98	25	105	130	14	2	19	21	2	2	0	−4	0	0
Taunton, West,	1637	Mrs. W. Chase, jr.,	[Abram L. Bean, *Christ'n,*]	'92	'98	15	31	46	8	0	1	1	2	1	0	−3	0	0
" Trinitarian,	1821	Dea. C. E. Walker,	Francis A. Fate, *p. c.*	'94	'98	79	196	275	38	0	4	4	5	2	0	−7	0	1
" Winslow,	1837	Dea. Geo. W. Andros,	S. Hopkins Emery, *p. c. em.* '37 T. Clayton Welles, *p. c.* '72	'46 '92		92	215	307	21	5	3	8	2	3	0	−5	1	2
" East,	1853	Charles W. King,	Halah H. Loud, *p.*	'97	'97	20	43	63	20	6	5	11	0	1	0	−1	4	4
" Union,	1868	Frank R. Knox,	Frank L. Luce, *p. c.*	'95	'97	49	153	202	29	4	2	6	2	7	0	−9	1	3
Templeton,	1832	Dea. John M. Brown,	Gabriel B. Kambour, *p. c.*	'93	'93	29	57	86	22	0	2	2	4	0	0	−4	0	1
" Baldwinville,	1874	Miss M. B. Raymond,	John W. Hird, *p. c.*	'79	'89	44	77	121	18	0	3	3	0	2	2	−4	0	1
Tewksbury,	1735	Mrs. E. J. Taylor,	J. Herbert Yeoman, *p.*	'77	'99	39	80	119	18	3	0	3	4	4	0	−8	1	1
Tolland,	1797	Wellington F. Hale,	Samuel B. Andrews, *p.*	'68	'97	14	22	36	5	2	0	2	1	1	0	−2	0	0
Topsfield,	1663	Miss A. F. Ferguson,				46	98	144	29	6	1	7	2	1	0	+3	3	1
Townsend,	1734	Miss Emma F. Gates,	Lyman Mevis, *p.*	'91	'98	32	98	130	40	2	0	2	4	7	0	−11	0	2
Truro,	1711	Dea. Daniel E. Paine,				9	21	30	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	−2	0	0
" North,	1840	Mrs. Benj. Coan,	[Arthur H. Scudder, *Lic. Meth.*]		'96	0	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tyngsboro,	1868	Dea. John P. Coburn,	Sarah A. Dixon, *p.*	'97	'97	21	45	66	17	7	5	12	1	1	0	+2	5	8
Upton,	1735	Miss Olive M. Johnson,	Alexander Wiswall, *p. c.*	'79	'92	45	170	215	34	7	5	12	9	3	0	12	5	2
Uxbridge,	1730	Dr. W. L. Johnson,	Frank L. Bristol, *p. c.*	'75	'88	29	103	132	28	0	0	0	4	1	1	−6	0	4
Wakefield,	1645	John W. White,	Albert P. Davis, *p. c.*	'94	'94	155	319	474	89	8	4	12	7	4	0	−11	3	0
Walpole,	1826	S. E. Bentley,				50	148	198	40	7	0	7	1	7	0	−8	6	0
" East,	1877	Miss Sarah E. Pettee,	Benjamin F. Perkins, *p.*	'65	'97	9	18	27	3	0	1	1	1	1	4	−6	0	4
Waltham,	1820	C. W. Durgin,	Charles E. Harrington, *p. c.*	'74	'94	187	410	597	164	3	15	18	3	10	1	−14	3	1
" *Swedish,*	1892	Alfred Anderson,	Carl A. Lundgren, *p.*	'93	'96	15	41	56	2	3	4	7	0	2	4	+6	0	3
Ware,	1751	Miss M. R. Howard,	Edward L. Chute, *p.*	'80	'96	16	49	65	12	3	1	4	1	1	0	+2	1	0
" East,	1826	Henry K. Hyde,	Austin B. Bassett, *p. c.*	'87	'91	138	323	461	73	20	8	28	5	17	0	22	11	6
" *French,*	1887	Dea. A. B. Simoneau,	James G. Knotter, *p.*	'96	'98	8	8	16	0	0	2	2	0	0	10	−10	0	0
Wareham,	1739	Harriet E. Smith,				18	47	65	20	2	2	4	4	0	1	−5	1	0
Warren, 1st,	1743	Eugene F. Wood,	William B. Oleson, *p. c.*	'77	'98	100	183	283	75	1	1	2	4	20	6	−30	0	0
" West,	1866	Dea. Milton Dickson,				7	16	23	11	0	0	0	1	1	0	−2	0	0
Warwick,	1829	Dea. Edw. C. Chase,	William Harris, *p.*	'76	'99	18	32	50	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	−3	0	0
Watertown,	1855	Arthur Stockin,	Edward C. Porter, *p. c.*	'84	'89	104	205	309	50	4	11	15	5	4	0	+9	2	10

a Fiskdale. Thorndike, *see* Palmer. Turner's Falls, *see* Montague. Waquoit, *see* Falmouth. Waverley, *see* Belmont.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Springfield, *Sw.*,	Miss Mathilda Salem,	20	20	22	23	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	13	26	0	160
" Faith,	Enos E. Penny,	153	82	135	0	13	30	0	31	43	0	0	190	307	180	1,971
Sterling,	Arthur S. Wilder,	125	49	72	53	31	0	6	64	24	12	0	74	211	0	1,190
Stockbridge,	Clarence H. Perry,	m155	99	90	60	137	13	0	98	80	0	11	163	502	0	2,971
" Cur.	Frank A. Palmer,	90	60	40	25	48	25	41	60	9	8	0	0	191	0	450
Stoneham,	Dea. Dexter C. Sears,	348	167	320	128	116	8	21	452	20	11	1	285	914	1,660	3,012
Stoughton,	John A. Comstock,	225	84	200		0	0	0	0	4	4	0	21	29	0	1,449
Sturbridge,	John F. Hebard, Fiskdale,	81	44	74	32	116	5	6	81	27	24	0	0	259	0	1,175
Sudbury,	F. F. Walker,	100	63	97	25	28	7	10	157	20	17	16	0	255	6,100	1,693
Sunderland,	Frank O. Williams,	167	116	102	77	128	54	54	214	101	29	0	140	720	0	2,262
Sutton,	Dexter A. Brigham,	119	64	145	27	39	15	13	88	19	18	2	69	263	0	1,050
Swampscott,	Barnet W. Redfern,	185	99	210	60	179	5	12	70	35	33	5	26	365	0	2,280
Taunton, West,	Lewis P. Luther,	80	35	50	42	9	0	0	0	2	4	0	2	17	0	1,510
" Trin.,	Frederick E. Austin,	315	157	280	146	321	98	36	331	131	25	0	845	1,787	0	4,891
" Winslow,	Henry W. Atkins,	457	236	250	150	130	18	41	150	45	27	5	200	616	0	4,000
" East,	Walter H. Ashley,	53	31	80	32	27	2	2	2	2	12	0	35	82	1,000	7,450
" Union,	William F. Rose,	241	176	250	99	71	5	5	39	18	2	2	263	405	0	4,010
Templeton,	Frank E. Johnson,	75	38	52	38	15	0	0	14	19	9	0	46	103	0	850
" Baldwinville,	Rector Harkins Reed,	245	167	120	73	0	0	0	35	0	25	0	410	470	0	5,000
Tewksbury,	Irving M. Locke,	127	65	135	50	50	15	8	5	0	36	0	3	117	0	1,173
Tolland,	Mrs. Hattie E. Hale,	40	30	19	0	0	0	0	27	0	10	0	25	62	0	185
Topsfield,	Albert M. Dodge,	105	62	125	72	73	5	2	20	5	0	0	118	223	0	1,900
Townsend,	Albert S. Howard,	202	99		0	88	12	6	48	20	17	0	0	191	0	
Truro,	John B. Dyer,	50	30	34	0	10	0	0	10	5	5	0	9	39	0	330
" North,	Mrs. Elizabeth M. Dutton,	60	48	50	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	20	0	675
Tyngsboro,	Mrs. M. Louise Blanchard,	100	67	75	55	12	0	5	5	0	6	0	24	52	0	1,631
Upton,	Appleton P. Williams,	250	120	200	70	77	9	9	19	18	4	4	229	369	0	1,457
Uxbridge,	Rev. Frank L. Bristol,	225	146	176	90	45	4	17	48	26	17	2	21	180	0	1,757
Wakefield,	John W. White,	533	304	350	207	376	127	33	448	114	33	0	241	1,372	0	5,550
Walpole,	Gilman F. Allen,	210	134	150	80	115	31	9	312	40	44	20		571	0	2,103
" East,	J. L. Boyden, Norwood,	85	40	100	26	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	767
Waltham,	Marshall J. Mosher,	550	298	426	148	369	45	21	160	137	39	21	301	1,093	0	5,000
" *Swedish*,	Victor Landström,	30		12	30	0	0	5	8	0	0	0	26	39	0	907
Ware,	Rev. E. L. Chute,	86	49	55	27	31	7	10	0	17	8	0	20	93	0	1,000
" East,	H. E. Fisher,	408	295	315	135	888	407	134	1,282	300	67	0	335	3,413	0	3,800
" *French*,	Rev. James G. Knotter,	16	12	10	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	10	0	125
Wareham,	John Freeman,	158	69	105	31	10	0	10	5	20	0	0	2	47	0	1,650
Warren, 1st,	William H. Warren,	253	117	190	25	288	38	39	479	118	37	0	61	1,060	0	2,860
" West,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick,	Dea. W. E. Blackmer, No. Orange,	50	40	38	30	5	0	0	10	3	3	0	10	31	0	425
Watertown,	Orlando W. Dimick,	202	112	175	64	268	0	110	415	157	64	0	783	1,797	0	

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Wayland,	1828	F. H. Fowler,	Benjamin C. Wood, *p.*	'94	'98	16	32	48	15	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Webster,	1838	Dea. E. L. Spalding,				73	150	223	47	1	1	2	2	0	2	4	0	2
Wellesley,	1798	Wm. H. Blood, jr.,	Edward H. Chandler, *p. c.*	'92	'97	85	186	271	63	2	6	8	4	9	2	15	1	0
" **Hills,**	1847	T. Wallace Travis,	Parris T. Farwell, *p. c.*	'83	'95	38	86	124	14	2	7	9	2	2	0	4	0	4
Wellfleet,	1723	Dea. Simeon Atwood,	Egbert N. Munroe,	'81	'99	46	109	155	53	0	4	4	4	2	0	6	0	0
" **South,**	1833	Winslow Paine,				14	34	48	12	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0
Wendell,	1774	Mrs. Ellen L. Baker,	Edward P. Seymour, *p.*	'92	'96	17	25	42	7	0	9	9	0	2	0	2	0	0
Wenham,	1663	Benj. H. Conant,	Morris H. Turk, *p.*	'98	'98	24	53	77	22	3	2	5	2	3	0	5	3	0
Westboro,	1724	Otis K. Newton,	Merle A. Breed, *p.*	'93	'95	123	257	380	75	2	10	12	10	25	31	66	2	12
West Boylston,	1796	Dea.E.B.Rice, Greendale,	Samuel A. Harlow, *p.*	'82	'96	30	68	98	32	0	1	1	4	2	0	6	0	0
West Brookfield,	1717	C. E. Smith,				51	136	187	40	0	3	3	6	2	0	8	0	0
Westfield, 1st,	1679	Rev. J. H. Lockwood,	John H. Lockwood, *p. c.*	'71	'79	115	362	477	55	13	6	19	8	9	0	17	4	3
" 2d,	1856	Albert E. Saunders,				123	293	416	78	0	3	3	8	5	0	13	0	3
Westford,	1828	Leonard W. Wheeler,	Elijah H. Roper, *p.*	'97	'97	18	54	72	19	4	1	5	1	1	7	9	1	7
Westhampton,	1779	Frederick H. Judd,	Arthur C. Townsend, *p. c.*	'91	'91	89	126	215	39	2	1	3	4	2	0	6	1	1
Westminster,	1742	James B. Wood,	John W. Lees, *p.*	'70	'95	47	103	150	24	0	0	0	3	4	1	8	0	0
West Newbury, 1st,	1698	G. S. Goodrich,	Chalmer H. Cooledge, *p.*	'83	'98	38	74	112	11	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
" 2d,	1731	Miss Emily A. Bailey,	Charles F. Clarke, *p.*	'92	'98	17	91	108	32	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0
Weston,	1891	Mrs. Ella J. Fuller,	George A. Matthews,	'95	'99	8	14	22	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
Westport,	1858	Susan E. Gammons,	George P. Byington,	'68	'99	11	31	42	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
West Springfield,	1698	Dea. J. M. Smith,	Sidney K. Perkins, *p.*	'80	'93	36	81	117	27	3	0	3	1	5	0	6	3	0
" **Mittineague,**	1850	Eugene H. Shepard,	Alpheus M. Spangler, *p. c.*	'88	'90	95	145	240	50	3	16	19	1	7	0	8	0	11
" Park st.,	1871	Ethan Brooks,	William H. Webb, *p.*	'61	'98	53	113	166	20	2	0	2	3	5	0	8	0	2
West Stockbridge, Center,	1789	Mrs. H. A. Roberts,	Walter W. Curtis,	'72	'90	6	16	22	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
" Village,	1833	Cyrus W. Sprague,	Walter W. Curtis, *p.*	'72	'83	27	72	99	18	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	0
West Tisbury,	1673	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	Royal C. Moodie, *p.*	'81	'99	32	73	105	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Westwood, **Islington,**	1878	Marcus L. Hoye,	Warren F. Bickford, *p.*	'76	'91	5	17	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Weymouth, 1st, **Heights,**	1623	Wm. E. Humphrey,	Robert R. Kendall, *p. c.*	'78	'91	25	66	91	21	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0
" Old South, **South,**	1723	Alfred O. Crawford,	Henry C. Alvord, *p. c.*	'79	'86	39	103	142	37	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	1
" and Braintree,	1811	Miss J. Macgregor, **E.B.**	Henry S. Snyder, *p.*	'85	'97	30	123	153	29	5	4	9	3	2	1	6	5	0
" Union, **South,**	1842	Samuel A. Vining,	Frank E. Butler, *p.*	'87	'96	48	123	171	30	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	2	1
" Pilgrim, **North,**	1852	Dea. Wilson E. Bean,	Thomas H. Vincent, *p.*	'89	'97	45	92	137		0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
" **East,**	1860	Charles B. Cushing,	Francis A. Poole, *p. c.*	'93	'99	91	157	248	45	8	1	9	2	0	0	2	7	3
Whately,	1771	Charles H. Waite,	George L. Dickinson, *p. c.*	'76	'90	54	97	151	36	1	0	1	4	1	0	5	1	0
Whitman,	1807	Benjamin F. Peterson,	Edward C. Camp, *p.*	'94	'99	76	172	248	39	2	1	3	1	2	9	12	1	4
Wilbraham,	1741	Dea. F. E. Clark,	Martin S. Howard, *p. c.*	'56	'68	51	77	128	46	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	2	0
" **North,**	1886	Edwin W. Wall,	Henry B. Mason, *p. c.*	'92	'96	21	45	66	13	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1
Williamsburg,	1771	Dea. H. W. Hill,	John Pierpont, *p. c.*	'88	'97	69	148	217	44	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	2	1
" **Haydenville,**	1851	Henry C. Smith,	George H. Buck, *p.*	'94	'94	41	103	144	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1
Williamstown, 1st,	1765	Carleton G. Smith,	Willis H. Butler, *p. c.*	'98	'98	102	225	327	95	5	5	10	3	6	0	9	2	0
" College,	1834	Prof. O. M. Fernald,				10	9	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" **South,**	1836	Miss Kate L. Torrey,				15	40	55	12	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	1

West Roxbury, *see* Boston. Whitinsville, *see* Northbridge.

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Wayland,	William S. Lovell,	45	25	50	23	2	0	0	10	0	0	0	9	21	0	1,050
Webster,	Ralph Larchar,	236	150	175	30	256	155	42	166	59	22	50	111	861	0	2,200
Wellesley,	Charles E. Fuller,	240	123	190	109	414	44	39	352	77	12	6	36	980	0	4,846
" Hills,	T. Wallace Travis,	139	80	129	60	1,146	32	7	154	263	25	0	158	1,786	0	3,096
Wellfleet,	Fred. W. Snow,	98	57	93	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	1,200
" South,	Miss Nettie S. Paine,	45	19	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	300
Wendell,	Fred E. Davis,	62	34	55	49	4	1	5	9	2	4	0	7	32	0	362
Wenham,	Fred A. Williams,	136	72	140	66	34	6	8	21	6	2	0	44	121	0	1,185
Westboro,	Elliot F. Denham,	200	172	285	60	113	26	53	56	74	49	13	390	774	0	2,803
West Boylston,	Herbert A. Holmes,	60	37	60	37	85	3	3	168	117	9	0	69	454	0	1,730
West Brookfield,	Myron Richardson,	145	90	200	40	13	43	0	133	84	0	0	299	572	0	1,750
Westfield, 1st,	George W. Marie,	470	310	345	118	726	116	38	726	74	36	11	1,988	3,715	0	4,867
" 2d,	Frank C. Parker,	279	167	400	177	170	47	22	327	60	10	9	612	1,257	0	3,041
Westford,	Houghton G. Osgood,	80	48	72	33	57	0	3	0	0	28	4	4	96	0	950
Westhampton,	Henry M. Clapp,	177	84	105	26	175	57	10	85	74	50	5	69	525	0	1,460
Westminster,	Amos E. Hurd,	137	87	100	35	0	76	0	39	113	0	0	64	292	0	1,300
W. Newbury, 1st,	Annie L. Rogers,	105	67	80	111	6	5	3	30	10	4	0	10	68	0	860
" 2d,	Dea. Robert L. Smith,	140	72	158	46	10	0	0	10	0	11	0	54	85	3,500	984
Weston,		30	12	30	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	15	29	0	600
Westport,	Nancy A. Parris,	74	42	34	23	23	5	0	43	13	5	0	4	93	0	540
W. Springfield,	Harry L. Brown,	124	65	75	34	55	41	17	49	56	25	0	20	263	0	1,365
" Mittineague,	F. O. Scott,	215	157	115	60	45	15	10	126	15	10	27	108	356	0	2,769
" Park st.,	Nelson Sherburne,	108	65	120	36	133	170	10	112	72	0	0	85	582	0	1,673
W. Stockbridge,	Mrs. N. S. Patterson,	14	12	19	0	5	0	0	10	0	3	0	2	20	0	185
" Village,	William W. Bartlett,	129	59	75	72	59	5	20	40	17	5	5	40	191	0	1,209
West Tisbury,	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	70	43	57	37	0	0	0	20	15	0	0	28	63	0	600
Westwood,	Rev. W. F. Bickford,	50	28	34	22	5	1	0	7	5	0	0	17	35	0	450
Weymouth, 1st,	Dea. B. F. Richards,	72	36	65	30	113	11	10	19	41	7	9	50	260	0	1,592
" Old South,	Matthew R. Loud,	235	88	136	37	71	16	10	61	115	0	0	135	408	0	2,100
" and Braint'e	Ralph W. Loud,	125	91	250	54	78	0	0	36	0	0	0	200	314	0	16,863
" Un., South,	Rev. Frank E. Butler,	172	100	175	40	330	125	20	31	33	10	0	645	1,194	0	3,200
" Pilgrim,	Charles L. Seabury,	156	80	170		75	0	0	14	11	0	0	103	203	0	2,370
" East,	Charles D. Cauterbury,	264	152	222	101	151	28	33	106	41	10	0	124	493	0	3,997
Whately,	H. S. Higgins, East Whately,	100	64	100	35	37	0	0	43	0	0	0	11	91	0	1,500
Whitman,	J. Lewis Tillson,	m576	260	311	109	40	6	12	0	54	16	0	46	174	0	2,700
Wilbraham,	Ethelburt Bliss,	83	63	75	19	27	0	11	18	10	0	0	23	89	750	1,268
" North,	Caleb B. Estey,	58	36	48	25	29	11	2	4	12	7	2	18	85	250	1,514
Williamsburg,	Frank C. Richards,	119	83	100	46	240	35	10	122	66	40	0	62	575	1,900	1,500
" Haydenville,	T. S. Purrington,	139	89	120	37	48	5	6	52	12	14	0	23	160	0	1,009
Williamsto'n, 1st,	George B. Waterman,	158	85	150	52	400	44	44	532	89	10	0	80	1,199	0	3,068
" College,					0	457	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	457	0	0
" South,	Leroy B. Smith,	49	32	41	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	350

CHURCHES. City or Town.	Org.	CLERKS. Name.	MINISTERS. Name.	Ord.	C'd.	MEMBERS. Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	ADMITTED. C.	L.	To.	REMOVED. Di.	L.	De.	To.	BAPT. Ad.	Inf.
Wiliamstown, White Oaks,	'68	Mrs. Mary R. Hunter,	[Garrett] V. Stryker, *Lic.*]		'96	31	66	97	23	11	0	11	0	2	0	2	6	3
Wilmington,	1733	Chester W. Clark,	Elijah Harmon, *p. c.*	'67	'85	35	78	113	18	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0
Winchendon, 1st,	1762	Mrs. L. E. Jones,	Gustavus W. Jones, *p. c.*	'69	'91	22	28	50	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
" North,	1843	Rev. Davis Foster,	Davis Foster, *p. c.*	'55	'67	68	167	235	38	0	4	4	3	5	0	8	0	5
Winchester,	1840	Rev. Edwin B. Palmer,	D. Augustine Newton, *p. c.*	'82	'89	204	370	574	105	10	12	22	6	11	4	21	5	5
Windsor,	1773	Howlett C. Cleveland,	George Sterling, *p.*	'74	'97	12	22	34	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Winthrop,	1896	C. Henry Goodwin, jr.,				13	37	50	18	3	3	6	1	0	0	1	3	3
Woburn,	1642	Dea. Oliver F. Bryant,	{ Daniel March, *p. c., em.* } Doremus Scudder, *p. c.*	'45 '85	'76 '95	204	389	593	79	16	12	28	12	29	11	52	4	11
" North,	1849	Josiah P. Bixby, M.D ,	George H. Tilton, *p.*		'73 '96	49	88	137	22	2	8	10	1	2	0	3	1	0
" *Scandinavian*,	1884	Bernard Peterson,	Ludwig Akesen,		'95 '99	31	45	76	6	3	1	4	2	6	11	19	0	0
" Montvale,	1892	Dea. Wm. H. Huber,	Wolcott Calkins,		'62 '98	10	19	29	5	3	2	5	0	5	0	5	0	0
Worcester, 1st,	1719	Monroe Murphey,	Arcturus Z. Conrad, *p. c.*		'85 '90	316	644	960	75	23	40	63	15	27	0	42	18	13
" Central,	1820	William H. Sanford,	{ Daniel Merriman, *p. c.* } Edw. M. Chapman, *p. c.*		'68 '78 '90 '93	134	290	424	61	8	9	17	7	21	2	30	6	5
" Union,	1836	Francis E. Kimball,	John E. Tuttle, *p. c.*		'83 '96	224	512	736	115	15	13	28	23	29	1	53	11	16
" Summer st.,	1865	John Morgan,	Orange C. Bailey, *p.*		'85 '94	40	70	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Plymouth,	1869	William F. Crosby,	Archibald McCullagh, *p.c.*		'71 '90	275	482	757		10	10	20	15	24	0	39	0	8
" Piedmont,	1872	Dr. H. L. Wheeler,	Willard Scott, *p. c.*		'79 '98	243	443	686	112	10	17	27	15	11	0	26	4	3
" *Swedish*, 1st,	1880	Victor Sohlberg,	August L. Anderson, *p.*		'86 '94	153	199	352	12	39	6	45	1	6	6	13		
" Pilgrim,	1885	Horace Hobbs,	Alexander Lewis, *p. c.*		'90 '96	197	410	607		23	33	56	9	14	0	23	16	18
" Park,	1887	Charles M. Smith,	Inman L. Willcox, *p. c.*		'89 '91	61	167	228	43	11	6	17	7	7	0	14	2	6
" Covenant,	1889	Miss E. Dewey,	John E. Hurlbut, *p.*		'75 '90	30	59	89		0	4	4	0	4	0	4	0	1
" Hope,	1889	Robert Hamill,	Ellsworth W. Phillips, *p. c.*		'91 '91	66	123	189	6	2	6	8	1	2	0	3	0	10
" Lake View,	1890	John G. Logan,	John H. Matthews, *p.*		'91 '97	26	47	73	16	3	8	11	1	7	0	8	2	0
" Belmont,	1890	Henry W. Brownell,				33	62	95		0	0	0	1	42	0	43	0	0
" Bethany,	1891	Charles H. Hill,	Albert G. Todd, *p.*		'90 '93	28	71	99	31	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	3	2
" *Armenian*,	1892	Hachadoor Avakian,	[Hachadoor G. Benneyan, *Lic.*]		'96 '96	22	11	33	4	2	6	8	0	0	1	1	0	2
" Immanuel,	1893	Dea. Chas. H. Putnam.	George S. Dodge, *p. c.*		'72 '93	49	67	116	34	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	7
" *Swedish*, 2d,	1894	P. L. Johnson,	John Udd, *p. c.*		'96 '96	73	89	162	5	28	0	28	2	9	3	14	1	6
" Adams Sq.,	1898	Charles S. Robbins,	John E. Dodge, *p.*		'83 '97	39	55	94	1	11	86	97	1	2	0	3	11	5
Worthington,	1771	Miss Estelle Cole,				41	102	143	42	6	6	12	5	7	0	12	5	0
Wrentham,	1692	Dr. Joseph F. Jenckes.	William J. Minchin,		'96 '99	45	120	165	31	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	0
Yarmouth,	1639	A. H. Eldridge, 2d, Y.P.	John J. Walker, *p. c.*		'94 '97	24	104	128	30	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	1	1
" West,	1840	Miss Abbie B. Crowell,	Edgar C. Wheeler,		'96 '99	7	8	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Wollaston, *see* Quiney. Woods Holl, *see* Falmouth.

CHANGES from last *Year-Book's* list of churches: *Added*, — Blackstone, Millville (restored); Lowell, *Norwegian:* Worcester, Adams Square.

CHURCHES: 273 with pastors installed by council; 243 with pastors otherwise inducted; 8 with supplies; 77 vacant (including 25 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations). Total, 601.

MINISTERS: 281 pastors installed by council; 230 pastors otherwise inducted; 7 supplies; 300 others. Total, 818.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 35,878 males; 77,666 females. Total, 113,544, including 18,255 absent. Gain, 583.

ADDITIONS: 2,847 by confession; 2,656 by letter. Total, 5,503.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Williamst'n, W.O.	William R. Stocking,	81	67	98	89	27	0	0	18	4	13	0	3	65	0	265
Wilmington,	William A. Rogers,	141	86	100	69	19	0	9	30	40	8	5	0	111	0	1,200
Winchendon, 1st,	George B. Stone,	50	50	48	30	62	0	0	25	25	0	0	25	137	0	450
" North,	Franklin A. Park,	240	138	200	68	344	62	40	177	100	75	0	260	1,058	0	2,519
Winchester,	Clement W. Currier,	458	251	361	87	1,491	194	161	935	527	160	110	1,693	5,271	0	8,215
Windsor,	C. B. Goodell,	50	35	80	46	15	0	0	13	3	2	0	3	36	0	252
Winthrop,	George E. Mitchell,	75	40	90	10	50	0	0	9	0	7	0	17	83	0	1,100
Woburn,	John R. Carter,	758	538	629	207	1,022	438	141	490	439	18	19	845	3,412	0	7,670
" North,	Dea. B. F. Kimball,	291	127	125	105	62	17	12	15	48	14	0	30	198	0	1,822
" *Scand.*,	Bernard Peterson,	93	75	34	26	28	9	0	36	56	4	0	86	219	0	1,241
" Montvale,	Dea. William H. Huber,	45	40	40	45	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	19	65	0	550
Worcester, 1st,	Henry C. Brown,	800	434	855	300	288	91	378	1,062	290	25	86	1,761	3,981	0	14,000
" Central,	Clinton Alvord,	350	214	425	60	604	138	74	1,794	193	79	127	1,859	4,868	0	9,343
" Union,	Prof. Albert B. Kimball,	627	489	550	85	1,025	3,171	884	1,973	774	214	90	6,514	14,645	100	10,876
" Summer st.,						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Plymouth,	Paul B. Morgan,	547	320		100	1,525	202	175	3,389	234	125	0	5,906	11,556	0	12,600
" Piedmont,	Charles E. Hildreth,	648	314	450	147	1,281	1,718	1,816	2,684	138	232	307	3,266	11,442	0	14,315
" *Swed.*, 1st,	E. Ljungquist,	393	335		78	0	0	11	30	0	0	0	212	253	0	4,056
" Pilgrim,	Benjamin F. Joslyn,	761	437	550	179	115	265	209	985	58	6	100	1,239	2,977	0	11 392
" Park,	C. M. Smith,	275	145	250	65	51	11	0	75	0	3	0	70	210	0	6,000
" Covenant,	Henry M. Tubbs,	240	101	125	34	5	0	0	27	0	7	0	15	54	0	1,300
" Hope,	Frank A. Thompson,	246	197	200	103	85	3	5	106	25	5	1	35	265	0	2,032
" LakeView,	John G. Logan,	150	88	100	121	0	0	0	14	0	3	0	0	17	0	1,472
" Belmont,	John H. Sherman,	132	116	50	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	0	1,350
" Bethany,	Fred L. Moore,	143	76	75	72	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	88	0	1,318
" *Armenian*,	Gorobed Papazian,	40	30	30	12	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	50	80	0	600
" Immanuel,	Edwin Batty,	205	129	145	69	147	0	0	83	19	8	0	25	282	0	1,688
" *Swed.*, 2d,	Carl Norgren,	280	200		48	50	0	0	20	0	0	0	50	120	0	2,286
" Adams Sq.,	W. P. Rowell,	225	120	100	38	10	0	0	25	7	19	0	0	61	0	6,535
Worthington,	Milo Bates,	105	57	80	51	265	1	1	20	12	1	1	36	337	0	880
Wrentham,	Nathan H. Fales, Pondville,	192	123	125	111	84	0	40	61	72	38	8	252	555	0	1,974
Yarmouth,	Miss Martha W. Howes,	78	50	130	42	52	10	35	127	76	17	10	14	341	0	1,450
" West,	Dea. Isaiah Crowell,	34	20	24	0	3	0	0	5	3	0	0	18	29	0	295

REMOVALS: 1,740 by death; 2,383 by dismissal; 840 by discipline. Total, 4,963.

BAPTISMS: 1,345 adult; 1,799 infant.

IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Members, 120,581. Loss, 3,666. Average, 70,472.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number, 528; 37,637 members.

FAMILIES: 552 churches reporting (500 last year), 87,097. Gain, 718.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 580 churches reporting (581 last year): Foreign, $126,752; Education, $30,840; Church Building, $17,607; Home, $150,388; A. M. A., $36,188; Sunday School, $13,494; Ministerial Aid, $6,432; Other, $176,424. Total, $558,125. Decrease, $51,348.

BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $131,181.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 575 churches reporting (568 last year), $1,581,770. Decrease, $47,629.

ORGANIZATION: Twenty-five Conferences, united in THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUMMARIES.

THE CONFERENCES.		CHURCHES.					MEMBERS.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				BAPTISMS.	
Name.	Year of Organization.	Churches.	With P. C.'s	With P.'s	With other Supplies.	Unsupplied.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Confession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Letter.	Discipline.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.
Andover,	1859	29	20	7	0	2	2,143	4,819	6,962	1,547	193	149	342	87	115	3	205	84	164
Barnstable,	1828	23	5	10	0	8(1)	379	1,162	1,541	291	30	33	63	39	33	16	88	22	24
Berkshire, N.,	1867	18	8	6	0	4(2)	1,176	2,327	3,503	438	91	60	151	56	68	101	225	48	51
" S.,	1860	19	4	7	3	5(4)	715	1,454	2,169	407	61	32	93	23	24	13	60	37	17
Brookfield,	1821	22	11	10(—1)	0	1	948	2,133	3,081	664	67	60	127	62	74	35	171	40	34
Essex, N.,	1828	27	17(+1)	9	0	1	1,530	3,655	5,185	588	117	96	213	98	84	6	188	66	47
" S.,	1827	37	22	12	0	3(2)	1,670	4,540	6,210	928	121	128	249	113	76	17	206	70	69
Franklin,	1843	29	3	20	0	6(4)	1,264	2,373	3,637	547	100	69	169	56	102	21	179	62	35
Hampden,	1850	47	31	13	0	3	3,219	6,393	9,612	1,611	291	300	591	146	230	57	433	147	169
Hampshire,	1865	17	7	6	0	4	1,091	2,526	3,617	589	59	59	118	81	39	6	126	25	30
" E.,	1860	16	4	8	0	4(2)	1,016	1,754	2,770	673	23	52	75	56	54	41	151	16	16
Mendon,	1858	12	4	4	0	4	590	1,565	2,155	363	66	27	93	43	51	17	111	43	31
Middlesex, S.,	1828	21	12	8	1	0	1,186	2,634	3,820	701	134	105	239	68	87	32	187	64	34
" Union,	1853	23	7	14	0	2	1,207	2,424	3,631	708	79	73	152	75	64	42	181	28	65
Norfolk,	1827	37	16	15	1	5(2)	1,945	4,135	6,080	823	144	145	289	88	128	25	241	66	101
Old Colony,	1856	17	4	12	0	1	611	1,480	2,091	305	45	34	79	30	37	2	69	30	19
Pilgrim,	1830	14	3	11	0	0	284	838	1,122	180	16	12	28	27	20	52	99	10	18
Suffolk, N.,	1861	28	19	6	0	3	2,589	5,690	8,279	1,066	273	238	511	130	197	132	459	124	238
" S.,	1860	28	15	9	1	3(1)	2,390	5,297	7,687	1,155	186	218	404	92	181	67	340	39	155
" W.,	1873	25	17(+4)	5	0	3(1)	3,030	5,984	9,014	1,401	197	292	489	105	199	24	328	54	129
Taunton,	1849	24	8	12	1	3(1)	981	2,337	3,318	461	105	42	147	47	57	46	150	35	65
Woburn,	1848	23	12(+1)	8	1	2	1,966	4,040	6,006	993	124	176	300	79	130	32	241	54	97
Worcester,	1852	32	12(+1)	16	0	4(2)	2,681	5,183	7,864	990	218	267	485	147	248	17	412	96	127
" N.,	1827	16	5	8	0	3(1)	596	1,274	1,870	337	49	42	91	34	40	3	77	41	12
" S.,	1828	16	7	7	0	2(2)	656	1,636	2,292	485	55	45	100	58	45	33	136	41	49
Associated with R. I.,		1	0	0	0	1	15	13	28	4	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	0
Total,		601	273	243	8	77 (25)	35,878	77,666	113,544	18,255	2,847	2,656	5,503	1,740	2,383	840	4,963	1,345	1,799

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Name.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Church Building.	Home Missions.	Am. Mis. Association.	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Aid.	Other.	Total.	Legacies.	Home Expenditures.
Andover,	$4,044	$839	$2,095	$8,307	$1,694	$406	$587	$8,036	$26,008	$1,669	$97,834
Barnstable,	468	22	70	431	147	97	24	407	1,666	0	18,123
Berkshire, N.,	4,639	1,575	370	5,027	1,138	287	233	4,608	17,877	8,200	38,740
" S.,	1,725	162	183	1,309	587	206	43	2,837	7,052	0	21,256
Brookfield,	3,124	1,074	425	3,317	1,353	430	151	2,431	12,305	1,600	37,841
Essex, N.,	2,294	315	319	2,612	1,365	317	165	3,466	10,853	6,500	57,946
" S.,	5,548	914	551	4,468	1,895	723	175	7,108	21,382	1,167	77,578
Franklin,	1,793	451	358	1,675	877	246	88	1,364	6,852	506	37,406
Hampden,	8,409	4,726	1,650	13,075	2,024	881	986	34,651	66,402	1,412	133,116
Hampshire,	2,769	435	387	2,329	1,290	319	146	1,798	9,473	51,515	41,532
" E.,	2,826	314	109	1,570	752	174	79	547	6,371	22	19,208
Mendon,	943	116	131	1,068	594	227	48	1,701	4,828	25	26,189
Middlesex, S.,	3,225	947	306	3,629	1,137	321	170	3,320	13,055	6,300	47,678
" Union,	2,598	490	240	2,199	792	403	115	2,428	9,265	400	58,562
Norfolk,	3,338	614	451	3,271	1,139	508	183	6,631	16,135	1,530	104,150
Old Colony,	1,392	141	152	2,057	260	123	307	2,096	6,528	2,400	30,992
Pilgrim,	633	53	128	554	220	137	15	222	1,962	150	15,235
Suffolk, N.,	8,190	358	413	10,052	2,612	1,164	169	7,363	30,321	400	127,145
" S.,	11,765	2,124	1,242	14,660	3,118	1,077	378	5,191	39,555	17,400	124,216
" W.,	36,054	4,523	2,412	38,039	5,332	2,491	695	34,638	124,184	0	139,166
Taunton,	3,201	1,443	315	8,034	981	374	9	7,142	21,499	2,500	55,451
Woburn,	5,323	1,140	721	4,843	2,171	518	394	6,563	21,673	3,760	84,458
Worcester,	6,604	6,037	3,650	13,664	2,389	846	764	22,737	56,691	23,100	138,916
" N.,	1,055	201	94	884	482	311	0	1,347	4,374	25	22,643
" S.,	4,792	1,826	833	3,314	1,839	906	508	5,260	19,278	600	26,200
Associated with R. I.,	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	189
Total,	$126,752	$30,840	$17,607	$150,388	$36,188	$13,494	$6,432	$173,892	$555,593	$131,181	$1,581,770

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Name.	Members.	Av. Attendance.	Families.	Y. P. S. C. E.	
				No.	Mem's.
Andover	6,622	3,993	5,004	26	2,133
Barnstable	1,554	998	1,361	16	580
Berkshire, N	3,415	2,256	2,414	12	863
" S	1,972	1,157	1,479	16	813
Brookfield	3,124	1,823	2,706	19	1,163
Essex, N	5,503	3,048	4,980	24	1,663
" S	8,140	4,814	5,444	35	4,053
Franklin	3,783	2,271	2,841	27	1,063
Hampden	9,595	5,560	7,142	39	2,564
Hampshire	2,745	1,645	2,316	16	807
" E	2,004	1,293	1,519	14	787
Mendon	2,216	1,229	1,514	10	776
Middlesex, S	3,553	2,184	2,932	19	1,120
" Union	3,674	2,097	2,069	21	1,282
Norfolk	8,468	4,446	6,054	32	2,302
Old Colony	2,417	1,422	2,151	15	646
Pilgrim	1,272	743	1,034	14	562
Suffolk, N	10,290	5,865	5,741	24	2,503
" S	9,226	5,463	5,749	27	2,919
" W	6,925	3,733	3,738	17	1,619
Taunton	4,143	2,544	3,011	22	1,225
Woburn	7,428	4,316	5,233	23	2,432
Worcester	8,246	4,854	5,948	30	2,199
" N	1,874	1,209	1,599	14	646
" S	2,316	1,509	3,086	15	893
Associated with Rhode Island	76		32	1	24
Total	120,581	70,472	87,097	528	37,637

SUMMARIES OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED.

YEARS.	Churches.				Ministers.								Sabbath Schools.		Benevolent Contributions.	
	Number		Members.		The Pastorate				Deaths.							
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without Installation.	Pastors by C.	Pastors.	Others.	Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
1899	3	0	583	—	7	24	15	4	12	4	1	9	—	3,666	—	$51,348
1898	7	2	1,738	—	6	21	12	2	15	2	2	11	2,690	—	—	49,078
1897	6	2	1,044	—	11	24	23	0	12	0	2	27	3,410	—	—	37,710
1896	1	1	705	—	10	25	22	1	16	1	3	18	52	—	$65,015	—
1895	5	3	1,950	—	8	21	17	1	26	1	3	22	422	—	—	44,688
1894	8	0	1,581	—	15	35	30	2	15	2	1	15	1,429	—	—	176,171
1893	8	2	629	—	9	22	20	0	12	0	1	7	—	995	194,507	—
1892	9	1	1,655	—	21	24	24	2	8	2	1	11	—	1,404	—	17,737
1891	6	2	1,999	—	11	24	17	2	9	2	0	10	1,914	—	17,206	—
1890	5	1	1,190	—	17	29	24	2	5	2	3	13	1,849	—	16,902	—
1889	17	0	2,461	—	4	32	20	2	12	2	4	11	934	—	20,449	—
1888	6	2	1,295	—	10	24	25	2	2	2	2	16	2,410	—	—	28,871 35
1887	1	2	1,425	—	12	22	39	3	4	3	0	7	1,048	—	110,514 49	—
1886	4	2	1,262	—	11	18	22	0	1	0	1	7	588	—	—	4,394 72
1885	3	1	3,375	—	8	33	31	2	3	2	0	11	3,355	—	100,919 45	—
1884	3	2	—	1,945	9	28	26	3	3	3	1	12	1,816	—	23,341 82	—
1883	0	1	957	—	15	26	27	6	3	5	1	13	2,941	—	137,601 71	—
1882	4	0	1,276	—	6	14	11	6	3	1	0	5	—	10,999	—	41,877 74
1881	2	1	—	1,477	15	31	26	3	4	3	3	14	5,232	—	45,231 77	—
1880	2	4	—	348	12	28	32	7	3	7	0	12	655	—	22,000 27	—
1879	1	2	319	—	15	28	36	2	9	2	1	18	—	349	15,170 77	—
1878	4	1	3,995	—	13	35	43	2	6	2	0	10	3,723	—	—	75,297 55
1877	7	2	2,519	—	7	25	48	5	7	5	2	8	754	—	—	16,274 77
1876	4	0	787	—	9	29	47	4	14	4	1	10	—	1,119	—	15,929 92
1875	11	2	1,688	—	11	19	37	2	4	2	*	8	4,514	—	22,705 17	—
1874	3	2	1,015	—	10	33	34	11	6	11		11	2,150	—	—	42,248 88
1873	6	2	11	—	21	33	36	6	4	6		13	—	637	—	2,119 87
1872	2	0	870	—	10	43	39	7	3	7		13	332	—	98,649 52	—
1871	2	3	517	—	9	43	53	3	5	3		5	—	2,293	2,010 21	—
1870	6	4	9	—	16	25	46	9	5	9		14	—	700	37,726 82	—
1869	7	3	531	—	17	42	50	2	3	2		15	404	—	Unk'n	
1868	3	3	1,692	—	17	37	46	1	8	1		5	2,620	—	"	
1867	5	2	2,879	—	12	33	59	2	10	2		15	3,713	—	"	
1866	9	5	—	263	10	27	32	5		5		13	920	—	"	
1865	8	8	1,099	—						1		6	—	775	"	
1860	6	3	—	413						9		6	—	161		
1855	5	1	532	—						6		6	940	—		
1851	2	2	2,467	—									2,249	—		

NOTE. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, — the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they *were* to what they *should* have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

* Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES.

Year.	Churches.					Ministers.					Church Members, Jan. 1.				Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		In Sab. Schs.		Benevolent Contributions.
	With P. C.	With P.	With S.	Vacant.	Total.	P. C.	P.	S.	Others.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death	Dism.	Disc.	Total.	Adult	Infant	Mem.	Av. Att.	
1899	273	243	8	77	601	281	230	7	300	818	35,578	77,666	113,544	18,255	2,847	2,656	5,503	1,740	2,383	840	4,963	1,345	1,799	120,581	70,472	$558,125
1898	282	252	8	56	598	291	235	6	256	788	35,528	77,133	112,961	17,985	3,912	3,180	7,092	1,828	2,462	748	5,038	1,860	1,990	124,247	72,968	609,473
1897	274	241	10	68	593	280	226	10	271	787	35,331	75,892	111,223	17,433	3,382	3,050	6,432	1,848	2,590	915	5,353	1,633	1,616	121,557	70,571	658,551
1896	281	224	15	69	589	287	214	15	270	786	35,038	75,141	110,179	17,216	3,786	2,964	6,750	1,849	2,650	936	5,435	1,326	1,661	118,379	69,581	696,261
1895	273	215	22	79	589	280	210	21	267	778	34,461	75,013	109,474	17,014	4,106	3,282	7,388	1,843	2,653	952	5,448	1,964	1,802	118,327	70,262	631,246
1894	267	203	27	90	587	271	194	22	293	780	34,032	73,492	107,524	16,957	3,733	3,260	6,993	1,935	2,730	721	5,386	1,849	1,804	117,905	70,790	675,884
1893	267	198	16	98	579	276	184	16	342	818	33,598	72,345	105,943	17,125	3,324	3,005	6,329	2,074	2,506	850	5,430	1,654	1,452	116,476	69,323	852,055
1892	265	195	11	102	573	275	199	11	315	800	33,433	71,881	105,314	15,865	3,617	3,170	6,787	1,916	2,721	475	5,112	1,840	1,543	117,471	68,640	657,548
1891	272	176	16	101	565	283	181	15	286	765	32,596	71,063	103,659	17,206	3,530	3,043	6,573	1,757	2,604	479	4,840	1,883	1,674	118,875	72,041	675,285
1890	268	190	23	80	561	278	178	22	276	754	32,133	69,527	101,660	17,595	3,336	3,159	6,995	1,754	2,744	913	5,411	1,930	1,377	116,961	68,574	658,979
1889	264	177	45	93	557	264	177	45	220	706	31,592	68,878	100,470	15,838	3,718	2,760	6,478	1,780	2,513	337	4,630	1,838	1,258	115,112	66,899	641,177
1888	261	204		75	540	277	165		236	678	29,465	64,712	97,707	15,541	3,882	2,839	6,721	1,788	2,313	185	4,286	2,013	1,229	114,178		678,950
1887	258	178		99	535	282	157		259	698	29,029	63,967	96,412	15,836	3,733	2,688	6,421	1,537	2,114	189	3,856	1,965	961	111,768		707,821
1886	277	189		70	536	289	165		211	665	28,577	62,697	94,987	15,931	3,752	2,687	6,440	1,688	2,170	150	4,011	1,843	1,025	110,720		597,307
1885	283	166		85	534	297	178		186	661	28,857	63,423	93,725	15,239	3,013	2,503	5,519	1,603	1,979	168	3,752	1,414	1,008	110,182		601,702
1884	283	169		80	532	300	155		186	641	27,777	62,573	90,350	13,877	2,800	2,071	4,871	1,587	1,979	141	3,707	1,451	800	106,827		500,782
1883	278	160		93	531	265	153		202	620	30,957	61,338	92,295	14,872	2,371	2,180	4,551	1,585	1,861	148	3,594	1,051	837	105,011		477,440
1882	274	178		80	532	278	143		215	636	28,073	61,135	91,238	14,392	2,153	2 001	4,168	1,682	1,724	137	3,539	1,103	966	94,977		349,839
1881	269	164		95	528	264	119		225	611	28,494	61,468	89,962	14,399	1,631	1,940	3,571	1,410	1,592	145	3,147	874	842	105,976		391,716
1880	280	171		75	526	286	164		185	635	29,045	62,394	91,439	14,584	1,741	1,835	3,596	1,454	1,745	151	3,350	922	968	100,474		346,485
1879	282	180		66	528	286	174		195	655	29,212	62,575	91,787	14,764	2,421	1,869	4,290	1,401	1,669	116	3,186	1,235	954	10,089		324,484
1878	277	174		78	529	280	169		194	643	28,995	62,473	91,468	14,100	5,698	2,577	8,275	1,418	2,066	159	3,643	3,103	1,353	100,438	62,290	309,314
1877	269	174		83	526	275	171		196	642	27,479	59,994	87,473	12,833	4,407	2,085	6,492	1,517	1,807	178	3,502	2,480	1,078	96,715		384,611
1876	289	163		69	521	292	162		187	641	26,580	58,374	84,954	13,177	3,103	2,244	5,347	1,531	2,163	89	3,783	1,616	1,153	95,961	61,391	400,886
1875	301	136		80	517	305	134		167	606	26,346	57,821	84,167	12,777	3,869	2,739	6,608	1,391	2,295	94	3,780	2,137	1,111	97,160	62,295	416,816
1874	307	116		85	508	314	116		166	596	25,810	56,669	82,479	12,506	2,329	2,279	4,608	1,380	1,902	67	3,349	1,112	1,012	92,646	60,036	394,111
1873	307	127		73	507	316	127		173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13,305	2,713	2,438	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,287	915	90,496	58,405	436,359
1872	299	123		81	503	304	123		164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13,874	2,560	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3,606	1,236	882	91,183	61,571	435,479
1871	292	134		75	501	297	134		166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2,009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,351	61,443	439,830
1870	294	119		89	502	298	117		176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,820
1869	311	116		73	500	314	115		172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11,970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61,149	300,093
1868	301	113		82	496	307	112		156	575	24,734	54,792	79,526	11,509	3,513	2,163	5,676	1,170	2,122	58	3,350	1,923	1,072	93,440	62,782	298,533
1867	295	114		87	496	300	113		154	567	24,982	53,752	77,834	11,695	4,644	2,316	6,960	1,220	2,051	114	4,385	2,314	1,168	90,820	61,407	315,322
1866	310	109		74	493	316	107		166	589	25,177	51,178	74,355	11,147	2,153	1,696	3,749	1,307	1,703	98	3,108	1,010	987	87,107	60,036	392,244
1865	313	100		76	489	318	101		147	566	23,488	51,730	75,218	11,706	3,030	1,790	4,820	1,454	1,675	124	3,253	1,467	1,023	86,187	58,284	
1860	325	81		82	488	333	78		176	587	24,217	51,302	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3,110	780	1,293	80,124		
1855	351	54		62	467	366	55		135	556	20,999	45,218	69,509	8,756	1,713	1,618	3,331	1,119	1,674	97	2,890	737	1,254	66,147		
1850	347	58		56	461	356	56						64,830		1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	64,178		
1845					440								65,467											62,108		
1840					408								62,513											62,305		
1835					387								49,089											44,040		
1830					347								37,987											34,787		

In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sabbath School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of *churches, members,* and of *Sabbath schools* was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. The number of churches "Vacant" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

1. ANDOVER, Organized July 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester.	W. C.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	'95, Feb. 26.	*Center Harbor, N.H.*	P.
Cecil F. P. Bancroft,	'67, May 1.	'90, Sept. 23.	Andover.	Prof.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 27.	N. Andover.	P. C.
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, Mar. 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Chelmsford.	P. C.
William A. Bartlett,	'86, Jan. 4.	'96, Feb. 23.	Lowell.	P. C.
James M. Blue,	'96, July 14.	'96, Sept. 29.	Lawrence.	P.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'89, May 28.	Florence.	P.
Park A. Bradford,	'79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.	Lowell.	W. C.
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May.	Andover.	W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	'73, June 3.	Andover.	C. M.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'89, Sept. 24.	Wollaston.	P. C.
J. Wesley Churchill,	'69, April 30.	'82, April 11.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Thomas G. A. Coté,	'71, April 9.	'82, April 11.	Lowell.	W. C.
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.	'96, Sept. 29.	Andover.	W. C.
Sarah A. Dixon,	'97, June 16.	'97, Dec. 7.	Tyngsboro.	P. C.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell.	P. C.
Daniel W. Hardy,	'74, Oct. 20.	'95, Dec. 3.	Billerica.	P.
Edward Y Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell.	P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover.	W. C.
George H. Johnson,	'77, July 6.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.	'90, Sept. 23.	*Londonderry, N.H.*	W. C.
Willis D. Leland,	'80, Jan. 23.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	P. C.
Herbert G. Mank,	'89, Jan. 15.	'98, Dec. 6.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Charles L. Merriam,	'82, Sept. 13.	'92, June.	Lowell.	P. C.
Selah Merrill.	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	*Jerusalem.*	W. C.
Charles L Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	Winchester.	W. C.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2,	'95, May 28.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Lewis W. Morey,	'82, Sept. 6.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	W. C.
Andrew P. Nelson,	'94, Mar. 1.	'98, Feb. 22.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	'76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen.	P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, June.	Andover.	W. C.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Hovhannes K.Santikian,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Dec. 7.	Lowell.	M.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover.	P. C.

1. Andover (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
John Phelps Taylor,	'68, Nov. 12.	'85, Nov. 3.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles C. Torrey,	'99, May 15.	'99, May 29.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Elbridge C. Whiting,	'91, Sept. 30.	'97, May 25.	Tewksbury.	W. C.
Charles H. Willcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover.	P. C.
William E. Wolcott,	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof.

Licentiates. — 1896: George S. Ball. — 1898: Robert H. Cochrane, Howard Gilpatric, Arthur E. Hartwell, Frederick W. Leavit , John E. Le Bosquet, Jason G. Miller, Emile J. Palisoul, John Reid, Arden M. Rockwood, Wilmot E. Stevens ; William J. Long, Sept. 27, 1898. David E. Burnham, Charles F. Fisher, Andrew C. Furbush, Fred W. Flood, Joseph N. Haskell, Frederic Parker, William W. Rockwell, Henry B. Dyer, Laird W. Snell, Alfred E. Stearns, Albert P. Watson, May 29, 1899.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesday in December, and fourth Tuesdays in February, May, and September.

Rev. Henry E. Oxnard, Lawrence, scribe.

2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Raymond Calkins,	'97, Oct. 19.	'98, Mar. 8.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.	'85, Sept. 16.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Charles O. Eames,	'97, Dec. 14.	'99, Jan. 30.	Becket.	P.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45, Feb. 19.	'77, Dec. 3.	Boston.	W. C.
Miles B. Fisher,	'97, Oct. 4.	'99, Jan. 30.	Adams.	P. A.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	*Baltimore, Md.*	Dean Coll.
Samuel Harrison,	'50, Aug. 13.	'52, Nov. 8.	Pittsfield.	P.
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16.	Hinsdale.	P. C.
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P.
William E. Morse,	'86, May 1.	'90, Dec. 2.	Dudley.	P.
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, Apr. 10.	'94, June 12.	Adams.	P. C.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
William Slade,	'88, Sept. 18.	'93, Feb. 21.	Hampton, Ct.	P.
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
George Sterling,	'74, Dec. 8.	'99, Jan. 30.	Windsor.	P.
William L. Tenney,	'88, Sept. 20.	'95, Dec. 20.	North Adams.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — In March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Laird, Hinsdale, scribe and treasurer.

3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Arthur J. Benedict,	'75, May 25.	'93, Jan. 31.	Housatonic.	P.
Leon D. Bliss,	'89, Oct. 31.	'96, Oct. 27.	Great Barrington.	P. C.
Albert J. Chittenden,	'62, Sept. 28.	'94, April 24.	Mill River.	W. C.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbridge.	P.
John Dooley,	'72, May 6.	'98, April 26,	Monterey.	P.
Edwin C. Gillette,	'98, Oct. 7.	'98, Nov. 1.	Southfield,	P.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
Alonzo T. Lamb,	'93, July 26.	'95, Oct. 29.	W. Wareham.	P.
John B. Lewes,	'95, Sept. 25.	'97, Oct. 26.	Mill River.	P.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	Williamstown.	W. C.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Lenox.	W. C.
Evarts W. Pond,	'95, May 2.	'97, Oct. 26.	Sheffield.	P.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Oct. 27.	Stockbridge.	P. C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.	Lee.	P. C.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	*Madura.*	Missionary.

Licentiates. — Edward C. Sedgwick, Edward J. Rulifson.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October. Rev. Leon D. Bliss, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer.

4. Brookfield, Organized June 22, 1757.

Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15.	'91, April 21.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	'93, Oct. 24.	Brimfield.	W. C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	'96, Jan. 14.	Brookfield.	P. C.
Allen A. Bronsdon,	'98, Dec. 2.	'98, Jan. 11.	Oakham.	P. C.
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	'94, Jan. 16.	W. Brookfield.	W. C.
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept. 9.	'97, July 27.	N. Brookfield.	W. C.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	'79, Oct. 15.	Barre.	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	'81, April 19.	Globe Village.	P. C.
Amos Holbrook,	'66, May 9.	'96, Oct. 13.	Sturbridge.	W. C.
Robert J. Kyle,	'85, Sept. 12.	'97, Jan. 22.	Brimfield.	P.
Charles W. Loomis,	'88, May 23.	'98, Jan. 11.	W. Brookfield.	W. C.
Samuel E. Lord,	'98, April 26.	'98, July 12.	Marlboro.	P.
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	'99, Jan. 17.	Warren.	P. C.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	'95, July 2.	Hardwick.	P.
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	'94, July 3.	Sturbridge.	P.
John L. Sewall,	'82, July 19.	'98, Jan. 11.	N. Brookfield.	P. C.
Joseph J. Spencer,	'90, Oct. 1.	'91, Oct. 6.	N. Brookfield.	P. C.
Dwight C. Stone,	'88, May 22.	'96, April 14.	Gilbertville.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October. Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Brookfield, scribe.

5. Cape Cod (Barnstable, 1792; Brewster, 1832; Vineyard Sound, 1836), Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'82, Jan. 31.	Hyannis.	W. C.
Charles A. Breck,	'94, Sept. 25	'97, Aug. 4.	Cotuit.	P.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, April 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
George S. Dodge,	'93, June 6.	'94, Jan. 16.	Boston.	W. C.
Edward T. Ford,	'97, May 25.	'97, Oct. 19.	Harwichport.	P.
Edgar B. French,	'97, Sept. 7.	'97, Oct. 19.	W. Barnstable.	P.
William Harris,	'76, June 10.	'96, Jan. 21.	Warwick.	P.
John W. Hayley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'95, Jan. 15.	Lowell.	W. C.
Dorrall Lee,	'74, Sept. 16.	'97, April 20.	N. Dighton.	P.
E. Irving Racket,	'94, May 9.	'94, July 17.	Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rea,	'73, Aug. 8.	'79, Jan. 28.	*Exeter, N. H.*	W. C.
Daniel W. Richardson,	'62, Aug. 14.	'96, Aug. 4.	Chatham.	P.
Ezra J. Riggs,	'79, July 10.	'91, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
Robert Samuel,	'59, Nov. 3.	'84, Oct. 28.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William F. Skerrye,	'96, Aug. 31.	'97, Jan. 19.	Provincetown.	W. C.
Ezra N. Smith,	'72, June 12.	'92, April 19.	N. Falmouth.	P.
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'97, April 20.	Yarmouth.	P. C.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'95, Aug 20.	Boston.	P. C.
Chas. H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William H. Woodwell,	'73, June 12.	'89, June 11.	Leverett.	P.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October. Rev. Ezra N. Smith, N. Falmouth, scribe.

6. Essex North, Organized September 6, 1761.

Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'98, Dec. 20.	Newburyport.	P.
Charles Beecher,	'44, Nov. 2.	'57, Dec. 22.	Georgetown.	W. C.
Isaac N. Carleton,	*Licentiate.*	'87, April 19.	Bradford.	Teacher.
George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Amesbury.	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'98, April 26.	Ward Hill.	P. C.
Charles F. Clark,	'92, Dec. 7.	'98, April 26.	West Newbury,	P.
Chalmer H. Coolidge,	'83, May 24.	'98, Dec. 20.	West Newbury.	P.
F. Lincoln Davis,	'93, Nov. 8.	'94, April 17.	Acushnet.	P.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Daniel T. Fiske,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	P. C.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Charles S. Holton,	'92, Nov. 30.	'97, Dec. 21.	Newbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20.	West Boxford.	P. C.
Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	*Hampton Falls, N. H.*	P.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	P. C.

6. Essex North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles E. Lord,	'44, May 8.	'90, Dec. 16.	Newburyport.	W. C.
John N. Lowell,	'77, Nov. 21.	'81, Feb 21.	Haverhill.	P.
Charles P. Mills,	'80, Sept. 23.	'80, Dec. 21.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.	Bradford.	W. C.
Albert F. Newton,	'77, Sept. 5.	'98, Dec. 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'92, April 19.	Chiltonville.	P.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'76, June 20.	Winchester. Tr. H. M. Soc.	
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.	*Aintab.*	Prof.
Myron O. Patton,	'94, May 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.
John Pike,	'38, April 25.	'42, Oct. 31.	Rowley.	W. C.
Eugene L. Raiche,	'97, Oct. 19.	'98, Feb. 15.	Haverhill.	P. C.
George L. Richmond,	'87, Oct. 10.	'90, April 15.	Amesbury.	P. C.
Francis W. Sanborn,	'78, Dec. 18.	'85, Dec. 16.	Marblehead.	W. C.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21.	*Atkinson, N. H.*	P.
Alexander Sloan,	'97, June 15.	'98, Oct. 18.	Groveland.	P.
Egbert C. Smyth,	'56, July 23.	'67, April 19.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.	'93, April 18.	Merrimac.	P. C.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.	Byfield.	P. C.
C. Julian Tuthill,	'94, May 1.	'95, Dec. 17.	Georgetown.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Haverhill, scribe.

7. Essex South and Salem (Essex South, September 3, 1717; Salem, October 15, 1840), Organized by union, December 1, 1885.

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'98, Jan. 11.	Danvers.	P. C.
Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.	'89, May 14.	Rockport.	P. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford. P.C. Linebrook.	
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 3.	'96, Mar. 10.	Peabody.	W. C.
Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Manchester.	P.
William A. Bacon,	'95, Oct. 1.	'95, Nov. 12.	Shelburne Falls.	P. C.
S. Linton Bell,	'76, Jan. 5.	'81, April 1.	Marblehead.	P. C.
Emery L. Bradford,	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.	Boxford.	P. C.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.	Salem.	P. C.
John W. Buckham,	'88, Aug. 9.	'91, Jan. 13.	Salem.	P. C.
Daniel E. Burtner,	'90, Sept. 25.	'98, Sept. 13.	Swampscott.	P.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	P.
Arthur J. Covell,	'90, Oct. 21.	'98, Nov. 8.	Lynn.	P. C.
Lyndon S. Crawford,	'79, Aug. 20.	'84, Jan. 8.	*Broosa, W. Turkey.*	F. M.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	W. Gloucester.	P.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.		W. C.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31.	'96, Mar. 10.	Magnolia.	W. C.

7. Essex South and Salem (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Danvers Centre.	P. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Lynnfield.	P. C.
Curtis M. Geer,	'90, June 25.	'95, Mar. 12.	*Lewiston, Me.*	W. C.
Willis A. Hadley,	'78, Aug. 21.	'94, May 9.	Southbridge.	P. C.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.	'86, Dec. 1.	Peabody.	P. C.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.	'79, Jan. 14.	Swampscott.	W. C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Dracut.	P. C.
John C. Labaree,	'62, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.	Saugus.	P.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'92, Mar. 8.	Somerville.	W. C.
O. T. Lanphear,	'49, Oct. 25.	'68, Feb. 11.	Beverly.	W. C.
Carl A. Lundgren,	'93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Waltham.	P.
Hugh McLeod,	'55, June 25.	'85, Jan. 13.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Merrill,	'84, May 17.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lynn.	P.
Albert W. Moore,	'73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	P. C.
William J. Murray,	'79, April 28.	'89, Mar. 12.	Essex.	P. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.	Lynn.	P.
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'98, Nov. 8.	E. Boxford.	W. C.
Francis A. Poole,	'93, July 12.	'95, Jan. 8.	E. Weymouth.	P.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers.	Sect.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	Boston.	P.
J. Henry Thayer,	'59, Dec. 29.	'60, Mar. 6.	Cambridge.	Prof.
Lewis J. Thomas,	'78, June 18.	'98, Sept. 13.	W. Peabody.	P.
W. Sherman Thompson,	'91, Oct. 14.	'97, Mar. 9.	Cliftondale.	P.
Francis J. Van Horn,	'93, Oct. 5.	'96, Mar. 10.	*Des Moines, Io,*	P. C.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Somerville.	W. C.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	'79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Licentiate. — Peter A. Johnson, Pigeon Cove.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

8. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

G. Glenn Atkins,	'95, Jan. 2.	'95, Feb. 12.	Greenfield.	P.
George H. Bailey,	'67, Nov. 26.	'94, July 10.	Ashfield.	W. C.
Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	Warwick.	P.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
Andrew Campbell,	'96, Sept. 24.	'97, Feb. 9.	Medway.	W. C.
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'94, July 10.	Pittsfield.	W. C.

8. FRANKLIN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles M. Crooks,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Sept. 14.	Colerain.	P.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	'92, April 11.	Whately.	P. C.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	P.
Edward O. Grisbrook,	'93, May 17.	'98, Nov. 8.	South Deerfield.	P.
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.	'82, Feb. 14.	*Canaan Four C., N. Y.*	P. C.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	Millers Falls.	P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'96, Sept. 15.	Conway.	P.
William R. Joyslin,	'64, Feb. 4.	'97, Nov. 9.		W. C.
Thomas C. Kinue,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Frank N. Merriam,	'92, Feb. 24.	'98, Sept. 13.	Turner's Falls.	P.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.	'96, May 12.	*Kensington, N. H.*	W. C.
Martin L. Richardson,	'61, Mar. 7.	'98, Nov. 8.	Montague.	P.
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'98, Sept. 13.	Buckland.	P.
Edward P. Seymour,	'92, Oct. 25.	'97, Sept. 14.	Wendell.	P.
Ira A. Smith,	'82, Sept. 27.	'88, Feb. 4.	Scotland.	P.
Frank Snowden,	'97, Sept 22.	'98, Nov. 8.	Heath.	P.
David H. Strong,	'85, June 16.	'88, Nov. 13.	Bernardston.	P.
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	P.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemont.	P.

Licentiate. — John C. Wightman.

STATED MEETINGS — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in September, November, and February.

Rev. Andrew Campbell, Deerfield, scribe.

9. HAMPDEN, Organized February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

Simeon O. Allen,	'70, Dec. 1.	'91, Feb. 10.	West Springfield.	W. C.
Samuel B. Andrews,	'68, June 20.	'98, April 12.	West Granville.	P.
Edward P. Armstrong,	'81, Feb. 15.	'87, Feb. 8.	*Bay Shore, N. Y.*	P.
Stephen G. Barnes,	'81, April 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Longmeadow.	P. C.
Harlan P. Beach,	'83, July 19.	'93, Feb. 14.	*Montclair, N. J.*	Teacher.
Albert G. Beebee,	'54, June 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	Springfield.	W. C.
Lyman H. Blake,	'67, Nov. 14.	'81, Dec. 6.	Essex.	P. C.
Richard H. Bosworth,	'82, May 12.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	*Rahuri, India.*	F. M.
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee.	P. C.
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Gardner S. Butler,	'77, Jan. 7.	'99, Feb. 21.	*Union, N. H.*	W. C.
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	*New Haven, Ct.*	P. C. *Em.*
Allen E. Cross,	'92, Dec. 29.	'97, Nov. 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edward Day,	'86, Sept. 18.	'99, Feb. 21.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Huntington.	P.
Myron S. Dudley,	'71, Sept. 28.	'87, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
Allen C. Ferrin,	'96, June 30.	'97, July 13.	Blandford.	P. C.
Aaron W. Field,	'72, Nov. 13.	'81, Feb. 8.	New Marlboro.	P.

9. HAMPDEN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
G. Walter Fiske,	'98, Oct. 25.	'99, Feb. 21.	Huntington.	P.
Albert E. Fitch,	'96, Nov. 11.	'97, Nov. 9.	*Rensselaer, N. Y.*	P.
Everett D. Francis,	'95, Nov. 20.	'97, Feb. 9.	Ludlow.	P. C.
Frank L. Garfield,	'93, Feb. 21.	'93, April 11.	Feeding Hills.	P. C.
Lewis F. Giroux,	'89, April 17.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.	'95, April 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Harry O. Hannum,	'96, Sept. 16.	'98, Nov. 15.	Southwick.	P. C.
Fosdick B. Harrison,	'94, June 13.	'99, July 11.	Palmer.	P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,	'76, May 7.	'89, Feb. 12.	Monson.	P. C.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Edward C. Haynes,	'82, April 18.	'95, Nov. 12.	Huntington.	W. C.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	P. C.
George H. Hubbard,	'84, Sept. 13.	'97, July 13.	Enfield.	P. C.
William T. Hutchins,	'76, Dec. 20.	'92, Nov. 7.	Indian Orchard.	W. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edward H. Knight,	'83, July 25.	'83, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'95, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	W. C.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	Pres. Coll.
John H. Lockwood,	'71, Nov. 5.	'79, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	P. C.
Clarence C. Lyon,	'90, Dec. 17.	'94, Nov. 13.	Monson.	W. C.
Harry C. McKnight,	'85, Oct. 7.	'98, July 12.	E. Longmeadow.	P.
F. Barrows Makepeace,	'73, June 19.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry B. Mason,	'92, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	N. Wilbraham.	P. C.
Samuel L. Merrell,	'50, Jan. 8.	'82, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	P. C.
Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Egbert N. Munroe,	'81, May 4.	'89, Nov. 12.	Wellfleet.	P.
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	'99, July 11.	Three Rivers.	P.
Charles Pease,	'96, Oct. 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	*Long Beach, Cal.*	W. C.
Sidney K. Perkins,	'80, July 20.	'94, July 10.	W. Springfield.	P.
Hervey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95, July 9.	Chicopee Falls.	P. C.
Paul H. Pitkin,	'66, Sept. 11.	'82, May 9.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Abram J. Quick,	'64, Mar. 7.	'91, Nov. 10.	*Baltimore, Md.*	W. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield.	Pres. S.C.W.
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Franklin P. Reinhold,	'98, July 26.	'99, Feb. 21.	Holyoke.	P.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam.	P. C.
Thomas S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'95, April 9.	West Hawley.	P.
James B. Sargent,	'97, Sept. 15.	'98, April 12.	Hampden.	P. C.
Frank W. Sims,	'91, May 17.	'99, Feb. 21.	*Memphis, Tenn.*	P.
Alpheus M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.	'88, Nov. 13.	Mittineague.	P. C.
Frank M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	*Tampa, Fla.*	P.
Thomas S. St. Aubin,	'93, Oct. 1.	'98, Feb. 8.	Springfield.	P. C.
Wallace H. Sterns,	'98, July, 14.	'99, Feb. 21.	Granville Center.	P. C.
Richard L. Swain,	'84, Aug. 21.	'94, July 10.	S. Hadley Falls.	P. C.

9. Hampden (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William J. Tate,	'92, Nov. 16.	'93, April 11.	*Windsor Locks, Ct.*	W. C.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	'97, Nov. 9.	Springfield.	W. C.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	P. C.
James Tufts,	'44, Sept. 23.	'54, Feb. 2.	Monson.	W. C.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'98, Feb. 8.	Longmeadow.	Evan.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.	Holland.	P.
George W. Winch,	'75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Herbert P. Woodin,	'92, June 26.	'99, Feb. 21.	Chicopee.	P.
Samuel H. Woodrow,	'88, Aug. 30.	'99, April 11.	Springfield.	P. C.

Licentiate. — 1897, James C. Greenough.

Stated Meetings. — In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July, and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

10. Hampshire, Organized before 1735.

John E. Bowman,	'95, Feb. 14.	'97, June 8.	Billerica.	W. C.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	Haydenville.	P.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	*Chicago, Ill.*	W. C.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Florence.	P. C.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'98, Feb. 8.	Southampton.	P.
Harlan Creelman,	'89, Sept. 17.	'90, Feb. 11.	*New Haven, Ct.*	Prof.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'85, Feb. 17.	Northampton.	W. C.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton.	P. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'99, Feb. 21.	Goshen.	P.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M.D.	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Worthington.	W. C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'96, Oct. 20.	Northampton.	W. C.
John Pierpont,	'88, July 26.	'98, June 7.	Williamsburg.	P.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Prof. Coll.
Wilbur Rand,	'83, May 9.	'95, June 11.	Norwich.	W. C.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C.
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'80, June 1.	Easthampton.	Prof.
William C. Scofield,	'51, Oct. 15.	'95, June 11.	*Washington, D. C.*	W. C.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	'75, Feb. 2.	Northampton.	Pres. Coll.
Samuel T. Seelye,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Henry H. Smith,	'73, Sept. 7.	'94, June 5.	Huntington.	W. C.
Henry P. Smith,	'75, June 8.	'99, Feb. 21.	Amherst.	P.
Joseph W. Strout,	'86, June 29.	'95, Oct. 29.	Cummington.	P.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield.	P.
Arthur C. Townsend,	'91, June 10.	'92, Feb. 2.	Westhampton.	P. C.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	Prof.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton.	W. C.
Irving F. Wood,	'94, Mar. 6.	'96, June 2.	Northampton.	Prof. Coll.
Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'89, Feb. 9.	Easthampton.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and June, and third Tuesday of October.

Rev. E. G. Cobb, Florence, scribe.

11. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Warren H. Beaman,	'41, Sept. 15.	'41, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby.	P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Pres. Coll.
Frederick H. Bodman,	'95, May 27.	'96, Dec. 1.	*New Haven, Ct.*	W. C.
Edward P. Crowell,	*Licentiate.*	'65, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William E. Dickinson,	'60, Dec. 19.	'97, Feb. 3.	Amherst,	W. C.
Levi H. Elwell,	*Licentiate.*	'80, Dec. 21.	Amherst.	Inst. in Coll.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	*Ahmednagar, India.*	F. M.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	No. Amherst.	W. C.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	'90, Dec. 2.	No. Amherst.	P. C.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	S. Amherst.	P.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	'72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Chester W. Hawley,	'61, May 2.	'99, Feb. 7.	Amherst.	P.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Charles E. Houghton,	'76, May 24.	'89, May 28.	Dana.	W. C.
Oliver Huckel,	'90, Sept. 10.	'96, May 26.	*Baltimore, Md.*	P. C.
Newton I. Jones,	'75, July 15.	'94, May 29.	Dudley.	P.
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Hadley.	P.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley.	P. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	*Riverside, Cal.*	W. C.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, June 25.	'98, Dec. 6.	Amherst.	P. C.
George J. Newton,	'97, July 22.	'98, Feb. 6.	Boston.	W. C.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'97, Dec. 7.	S. Hadley.	P. C.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.		W. C.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst.	Pr. of Ag. Coll.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81, Nov. 2,	'96, May 26.	Amherst.	W. C.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	'77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, re-licensed Sept. 21, 1897; W. L. Montague, re-licensed Dec. 6, 1898; L. H. Elwell, re-licensed Dec. 1, 1896.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, June, and December, and third Tuesday of September.

Rev. Geo. E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

12. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	*Dover, N. H.*	W. C.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Ashburnham.	P.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	*Redlands, Cal.*	W. C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'93, June 13.	Foxboro.	P.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8.	'96, Dec. 1.	Hingham.	W. C.
Alexis W. Ide,	'59, July 7.	'72, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	Boston.	W. C.
Franklin C. Jones,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, April 7.	Dover.	P.
Charles W. Longren,	'87, Aug. 24.	'95, Feb. 12.	*Boulder, Col.*	P.
Francis J. Marsh,	'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	W. C.

12. MENDON (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	P.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	'65, Nov. 22.	'98, Oct. 4.	E. Walpole.	P.
Leroy M. Pierce.	'70, Feb. 4.	'98, Apr. 5.	Medfield.	P.
Frank C. Putnam,	'94, Sept. 12.	'94, Oct. 2.	*Woodstock, Vt.*	P. C.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian.
Herman F. Swartz,	'98, July 27.	'98, Dec. 6.	Mansfield.	P. C.
Thomas J. Volentine,	'70, Oct. 13.	'99, April 4.	Boston.	W. C.
Horace Wellington,	'47, Oct.	'89, Dec. 10.	Roxbury.	W. C.
Albert H. Wheelock,	'88, July 3.	'94, Mar. 13.	Millis.	P.
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	'88, June 13.	Milford.	P. C.
George F. Wright,	'75, July 14.	'98, Oct. 4.	*N. New Portland, Me.*	P.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, April, October, and December.

Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, Medway, scribe.

13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, Organized June 7, 1830.

Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
George M Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Edward E. Bradley,	'93, June 20.	'94, Dec. 4.	Lincoln.	P. C.
Merle A. Breed,	'93, Nov. 21.	'97, May 4.	Westboro.	P. C.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.	'99, Feb. 7.	Westboro.	W. C.
George A. Brock,	'91, June 29.	'92, May 3.	*Lockport, N. Y.*	P.
Irving A Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15.	'97, Dec. 7.	S. Natick.	P.
Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'97, Sept. 21.	Wellesley.	P. C.
Edward L. Chute,	'80, July 20.	'85, Sept. 14.	Ware.	P.
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	P. C.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.	'75, Sept. 21.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 2.	Framingham.	P. C.
Fred E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.	'90, Sept. 16.	So. Framingham.	P. C.
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville.	W. C.
Lincoln B. Goodrich,	'93, June 29.	'97, Sept. 21.	Marlboro.	P. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Boston.	P.
Theodore J. Holmes,	'59, Oct. 5.	'94, Sept. 18.	*Portsmouth, N. H.*	W. C.
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug.	'95, Sept. 17.	Maynard.	W. C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro.	P.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William G. Puddefoot,	'88, Jan. 29.	'98, Dec. 6.	S. Framingham.	W. C.
Clarence W. Rouse,	'90, Dec 4.	'95, Dec. 3.	S. Sudbury.	P. C.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.	Northboro.	P.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	P. C.
Charles L. Tomblen,	'77, Aug. 30.	'95, Dec. 3.	N. Middleboro.	P.
Nicholas Vander Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.	'96, May 5.	Holliston.	P. C.
Harvey Woodward,	'74, April 20.	'98, Sept. 20.	Natick.	W. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, May, and December, third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills, scribe.

14. Middlesex Union, Organized January, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James M. Bell,	'58, July 21.	'93, Nov. 21.	N. Leominster.	P.
Herbert W. Boyd,	'86, Nov. 5.	'98, Nov. 15.	Ashby.	P. C.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'93, Jan. 17.	Stoughton.	W. C.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.	'87, Sept. 20.		W. C.
Wilson R. Buxton,	'94, May 2.	'94, Nov. 20.	So. Acton.	P.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.	Concord.	W. C.
William O. Conrad,	'90, June 8.	'98, May 24.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 17.	Acton.	P. C.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.	Littleton.	P. C.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'94, May 22.	Littleton.	W. C.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.	'92, Mar. 15.	Groton.	W. C.
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.	'91, Sept. 15.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
Horace F. Hallett,	'91, July 7.	'96, Jan. 21.	Ayer.	P.
Charles S. Haynes,	'94, May 23.	'97, Sept. 21.	Lancaster.	P. C.
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'95, Mar. 19.	Lowell.	P.
Edwin R. Hodgman,	'49, May 17.	'51, May 6.	Townsend.	W. C.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65, May 10.	'79, Jan. 7.	Provincetown.	W. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.	Ayer.	P.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	W. C.
William C. Martyn,	'98, Nov. 29.	'99, Mar. 21.	Boxboro.	P. C.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'99, Mar. 21.	Townsend.	P.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Frank E. Mills,	'78, Nov. 13.	'98, Mar. 15.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	W. Tisbury.	P.
Elijah H. Roper,	'97, Oct. 27.	'98, Jan. 17.	Westford.	P.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Harwich.	P.
Geo. R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'81, Jan. 11.	Newton.	W. C.
Charles H. Talmage,	'82, Sept. 17.	'98, May 24,	Cambridge.	W. C.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.	Concord.	P.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	*Cheltenham, Md.*	W. C.
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	P. C.
J. Brainerd Thrall,	'78, Dec. 8.	'98, Sept. 20.	Pepperell.	P.
Charles C. Torrey,	'55, Sept. 7.	'86, Sept. 21.	Andover.	W. C.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley.	P.
Louis B. Voorhees,	'71, Dec. 6.	'94, May 22.	Groton.	P. C.
David Wallace,	'94, Aug. 22.	'97, Sept. 21.	Lunenburg.	P.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'90, May 29.	'90, May 20.	Centerville.	P.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, scribe and treasurer.

15. Norfolk Association, Organized May 11, 1811.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Alexander,	'91, Oct. 29.	'96, April 21.	*England.*	W. C.
Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
Edward Anderson,	'58, Oct. 13.	'98, Dec. 20.	Quincy.	P.
George Benedict,	'83, Oct. 9.	'98, Dec. 20.	North Abington.	P.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.	'91, Dec. 15.	Cohasset.	P. C.
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.	'96, Dec. 15.	South Weymouth.	P.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'99, April 18.	Whitman.	P.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'98, Feb. 15.	Sharon.	P. C.
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'91, Dec. 15.	Cambridge,	P. C.
Wilson S. Fritch,	'93, April 22.	'96, June 16.	Attleboro.	P. C.
Augustus H. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.	'95, Feb. 19.	South Easton.	P.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Milton.	W. C.
Charles A. Hilton,	'73, June 9.	'94, Feb. 20.	Randolph.	P. C.
Alan Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.	Brockton.	P. C.
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.	Milton.	P.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.	'92, Dec. 20.	Weymouth Heights.	P. C.
Joseph Kyte,	'62, Sept. 25.	'96, Feb. 18.	S. Braintree.	W. C.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 4.	'95, Feb. 19.	Holbrook.	P. C.
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	W. C.
Edwin L. Noble,	'96, May 18.	'98, June 14.	Neponset.	P. C.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	P.
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.	'86, April 20.	Braintree.	W. C.
Frank Park,	'95, July 16.	'99, April 18.	Beechwood.	P.
Albert F. Pierce,	'77, Sept. 3.	'99, April 18.	Campello.	P. C.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec. 19.	'89, Oct. 29.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
Caleb L. Rotch,	'79, Oct. 9.	'97, Oct. 26.	*Lincoln, Me.*	P.
Henry S. Snyder,	'85, Oct. 28.	'98, Feb. 15.	Weymouth.	P.
Albert K. Teele,	'45, July 15.	'52, April 27.	Milton.	P. Em.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.	'97, Dec. 28.	N. Weymouth.	P.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W. C.
Granville Yager,	'76, June 20.	'98, Dec. 20.	E. Bridgewater.	P.

Licentiate. — Edward O. Grover, Arlington, May 8, 1873.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February, and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Robert R. Kendall, Weymouth Heights, scribe and treasurer.

16. Old Colony, Organized August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett,	'83, May 23.	'96, Feb. 12.	Marion.	P. C.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'92, Feb. 10.	Holyoke.	C. M.
John Graham,	'90, Jan. 17.	'90, Feb. 12.	*Sheldon, Vt.*	P.
Henry M. Grant,	'63, Nov. 17.	'79, Oct. 22.		W. C.
Ivory H. B. Headley,	'77, Jan. 4.	'80, April 28.	Roslindale.	Evan.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.	'94, Nov. 14.	New Bedford.	W. C.
Robert Humphrey,	'83, July 17.	'97, Feb. 10.	Mattapo sett.	P.

16. Old Colony (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11.	'78, July 30.	New Bedford.	P. C.
John A. MacColl,	'83, Jan. 31.	'90, Feb. 12.	New Bedford.	P. C.
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.	Brockton.	P.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	P. C.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'94, Nov. 14.	Middleboro.	P. C.
I. Herbert Yeoman,	'77, Jan. 25.	'98, Nov. 11.	Wareham.	P.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in February, May, and November.

Rev. Robert L. Rae, 12 Argyle avenue, Brockton, scribe.

17. Plymouth, Organized May 18, 1858.

Haig Adadourian,	'97, Nov. 3.	'97, Nov. 16.	Manomet.	P.
Charles S. Bates,	'90, June 6.	'97, Nov. 16.	Hanson.	P.
John W. Brownville,	'73, Dec. 18.	'85, Nov. 17.	Erving.	P.
Seelye Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'97, Nov. 16.	Scituate.	P. C.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	'93, May 8.	*E. Hartford, Ct.*	W. C.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'86, Nov. 16.	Kingston.	P. C.
Ernest C. Davis,	'94, Dec. 5.	'95, Nov. 19.	*Newcastle, N. H.*	P.
Oscar F. Davis,	'95, Jan. 16.	'95, Nov. 19.	*Neligh, Neb.*	W. C.
Alfred DeBarritt,	'95, May 31.	'97, Nov. 16.	*Havana, Cuba.*	P.
Washington H. Forbes,	'81, July 1.	'98, Oct. 25.	North Carver.	P.
Vaola J. Hartshorne,	'65, Jan. 16.	'91, Nov. 17.	Lakeville.	P.
Edward N. Kirby,	'85, Apr. 19.	'97, Nov. 16.	*Washington, D. C.*	P.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Marshfield.	P. C.
Solomon G. Merrick,	'86, Sept. 2.	'96, Nov. 17.	Duxbury.	P.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
Ernest W. Shurtleff,	'89, Nov. 16.	'92, Aug. 16.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	P. C.
John Wild,	'92, April 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Hanover.	P.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — James J. Thomas, Halifax.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November.

Rev. Zenas Crowell, Kingston, scribe.

18. Suffolk North, Organized July 2, 1822.

Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Newton Center.	Editor.
David N. Beach,	'76, June 15.	'85, Feb. 17.	*Denver, Colo.*	P. C.
Reuben A. Beard,	'79, Sept. 10.	'98, Jan. 25.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	W. C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Brookline.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.	Dorchester.	P.
Robert C. Bryant,	'95, June 4.	'99, Jan. 31.	Boston.	W. C.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, April 22.	'95, Feb. 6.	Cambridge.	P.
Samuel M. Cathcart,	'96, Dec. 1.	'97, May 25.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Charles F. Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	Braintree.	P.

18. Suffolk North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.	'93, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Detling,	'97, Mar. 3.	'95, Oct. 30.	Chelsea.	P.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.	'87, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.	'94, Feb. 7.	Revere.	P. C.
Robert E. Ely,	'90, Dec. 11.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridgeport.	W. C.
William B. Forbush,	'92, Feb. 17.	'98, Sept. 27.	Boston.	P. C.
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.	'95, June 10.	Winchester.	Sect.
Stephen H. Hayes,	'54, Aug. 20.	'71, Feb. 21.	Boston.	W. C.
Sam'l E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.	*Boulder, Col.*	W. C.
Elijah Horr,	'67, Apr. 21.	'97, Nov. 30.	Malden.	W. C.
Ross C. Houghton,	'69, April 18.	'95, June 10.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Charles E. Jefferson,	'87, Sept. 29.	'87, Dec. 13.	*New York.*	P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,	'79, Nov. 13.	'83, Sept. 18.	Boston.	Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	'73, June 19.	'95, Feb. 6.	Somerville.	P. C.
Duncan McDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,	'96, June 16.	'98, Sept. 27.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Richard H. McGown,	'82, Mar. 7.	'97, Mar. 30.	Everett.	P.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Peter McQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	*Manila.*	P. C.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.	Boston.	P.
Charles L. Noyes,	'80, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Dec. 16.	'87, Feb. 8.	North Cambridge.	A. P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Leominster.	W. C.
Charles H. Pope,	'65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.	Charlestown.	P.
Edward G. Porter,	'68, Oct. 1.	'69, Dec. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Frank E. Ramsdell,	'91, June 30.	'97, May 25.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Edward K. Rawson,	'72, Oct. 9.	'83, April 10.	*Annapolis, Md.*	Chaplain.
James H. Ross,	'78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Isaiah W. Sneath,	'84, Feb. 27.	'89, Mar. 26.	Franklin.	P C.
Alfred E. Stembridge,	'92, Mar. 28.	'98, Sept. 27.	Arlington Heights.	P.
William I. Sweet,	'87, April 19.	'98, May 31.	Everett.	P.
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.	'86, Feb. 12.	Somerville.	P. C.
Calvin Terry,	'46, Dec. 20.	'61, June 18.	North Weymouth.	W. C.
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept.	'79, Dec. 16.	*Cleveland, O.*	Pres.
Arthur Truslow,	'96, Sept. 30.	'98, Jan. 25.	Hingham.	P.
Robert W. Wallace,	'72, Jan. 26.	'97, Nov. 30.	Somerville.	P. C.
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.	'78, Oct. 13.	*Constantinople.*	Pres. Coll.
Albert Watson,	'71, June 27.	'94, Feb. 7.	*Windham, N. H.*	P.
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.	Somerville.	Editor.
James C. Young,	'91, Aug. 25.	'97, Nov. 30.	E. Boston.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Charles R. Blood, 1898; George E. Kinney, 1898.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. Frank E. Ramsdell, Cambridge, scribe.

19. SUFFOLK SOUTH, Organized January 27, 1829.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.	Dorchester.	P.
Charles H. Beale,	'80, April 5.	'95, Jan. 16.	Roxbury.	P. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'99, May 10.	Dorchester.	P.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.	'92, May 11.	Islington.	S.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Center.	Sec.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale.	Y. P. S. C. E.
Alfred E. Colton,	'84, May 28.	'99, Nov. 8.	Dorchester.	Sect.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston.	Editor.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston.	P. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan 2.	Boston.	Editor.
Percy H. Epler,	'98, May 26.	'98, Sept. 14.	South Boston.	Asst. P.
Solomon P. Fay,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester.	W. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Boston.	Assist. P.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'86, May 4.	Auburndale.	Sect. A. S. S. U.
William Gallagher,	'74, Dec. 1.	'98, Jan. 12.	S. Braintree.	Prin.
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Roslindale.	P.
Benj. F. Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury.	W. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Newton.	Sec. A. E. S.
Hiram Houston,	'50, Sept. 25.	'90, Mar. 12.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Henry N. Hoyt,	'76, May 22.	'98, May 11.	Hyde Park.	P. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	Hyde Park.	P.
William S. Kelsey,	'85, May 27.	'99, May 10.	Boston.	Assoc. P.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'92, Sept. 14.	Newton Center.	Editor.
Frederick T. Knight,	'97, Oct. 5.	'97, Nov. 10.	Wollaston.	P.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester.	P. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Hyde Park.	P.
Samuel L. Loomis,	'80, Oct. 14.	'97, Sept. 29.	Boston.	P. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Ellis Mendell,	'79, June 4.	'80, May 12.	Boston.	P. C.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	W. Roxbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Charles A. Perry,	'82, Nov. 16.	'96, Jan. 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.	'85, May 13.	Dedham.	P. C.
Charles B. Smith,	'48, Nov. 12.	'79, July 9.	West Medford.	W. C.
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	Roxbury.	A.B.C.F.M.
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.	Boston.	W. C.
Herbert W. Stebbins,	'83, Aug. 28.	'97, Sept. 29.	Boston.	W. C.
A. C. Thompson,	'42, July 27.	'42, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.	'94, Sept. 19.	Neponset.	W. C.
Charles F. Weeden,	'88, April 4.	'96, Jan. 15.	Norwood.	P. C.
John H. Whitaker,	'93, Dec. 19.	'98, May 11.	Atlantic.	P.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.	Boston.	M.

Licentiate. — Arthur P. Pratt.

STATED MEETINGS — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. George H. Flint, Boston, scribe and treasurer.

20. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James L. Barton,	'85, June 29.	'97, Feb. 8.	Newton Cen.	A.B.C.F.M.
William E. Barton,	'85, June 6.	'93, June 12.	*Oak Park, Ill.*	P. C.
Adolph A. Berle,	'87, Sept. 14.	'91, Dec. 14.	Brighton.	P. C.
Douglas P. Birnie,	'85, Aug. 12.	'91, Feb. 9.	*Rye, N. Y.*	P.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline.	W. C.
Ezra H. Byington,	'59, Feb. 23.	'91, Feb. 9.	Newton.	W. C.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	Boston.	Sect.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston.	P. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Cen.	Cong. Lib.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4	Auburndale.	P. C. Em.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton. Sec.	A.B.C.F.M.
William H. Davis,	'77, July 5.	'96, Oct. 12.	Newton.	P. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8.	'87, Oct. 11.	Auburndale, Sec.	N.D.R.L.
John M. Dutton,	'76, June 11.	'92, April 25.	*Newport, Vt.*	P. C.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills.	P. C.
Frank L. Ferguson,	'85, July 21.	'97, Oct. 11.	*Claremont, Cal.*	Pres.Coll.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton.	W. C.
Daniel L. Furber,	'67, Dec. 1.	'57, Jan. 16.	Newton Center.	P. Em.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 6.	Waverly.	P.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	Boston.	P. C.
Daniel Green,	'79, Dec. 18.	'94, Feb. 12.	Newton.	P.
William E. Griffis,	'77, May 31.	'86, Dec. 14.	*Ithaca, N. Y.*	P. C.
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston.	P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'97, April 12.	Brookline.	P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham.	P. C.
Charles E. Havens,	'81, Sept. 15.	'94, April 9.	Newton Highlands.	P. C.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Boston. Sec.	C. C. B. S.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Melrose Highlands.	W. C.
George A. Matthews,	'95, April 3.	'98, Dec. 19.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Center.	W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Center.	P. C.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville.	P. C. Em.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands.	W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown.	P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	W. Newton.	P. C.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	*Peekskill, N. Y.*	W. C.
Oliver D. Sewall,	'92, Sept. 27.	'97, Oct. 11.	Brookline.	Assist. P.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton.	W. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	W. C.
Avery S. Walker,	'57, June 15.	'95, Dec. 9.	Boston.	W. C.
Edwin B. Webb,	'50, Sept. 11.	'67, Jan. 8.	Wellesley.	P. Em.

Licentiates. — Arthur W. Kelley, Auburndale, renewed, 1897; Edward P. Kelley, Auburndale, renewed, 1893.

Stated Meetings. — Second Mondays of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Ezra H. Byington, Newton, scribe.

21. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Wm. W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
Franklin K. Beem,	'95, July 18.	'95, Nov. 13.	Berkley.	P. C.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton.	Pres. Sem.
S. Hopkins Emery,	'37, Nov. 23.	'75, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	W. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'98, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
Charles E. Harris, Jr.,	'94, Oct. 9.	'98, Nov. 9.	Norton.	P.
Elwin L. House,	'88, April 22.	'94, May 8.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Herbert K. Job,	'91, Oct. 28.	'92, Jan. 13.	*Kent, Ct.*	P. C.
Josiah W. Kingsbury,	'66, June 28.	'89, May 8.	Braintree.	W. C.
William Knight,	'86, Sept. 4.	'98, Nov. 9.	Fall River.	P. C.
Halah H. Loud,	'97, Dec. 16.	'98, Jan. 12.	E. Taunton.	P.
Frank L. Luce,	'95, Nov. 6.	'98, May 11.	Taunton.	P. C.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May 8.	Fall River.	P. C.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 19.	'97, Jan. 13.	Fall River.	P. C.
Thomas F. Norris,	'79, April 13.	'97, Mar. 10.	*Riverside, R. I.*	P.
Sidney K. B. Perkins,	'60, Jan. 11.	'88, Jan. 11.	Raynham.	P.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'82, May 10.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April.	'97, Mar. 10.	N. Attleboro.	P.
Samuel P. Rondeau,	'92, Nov. 22.	'98, Mar. 9.	Fall River.	P.
William F. Warren,	'78, Oct. 13.	'98, Nov. 9.	Freetown.	P.
Charles B. Wathen,	'83, June 14.	'98, Mar. 9.	Rehoboth.	P.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'92, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	P.
Martin L. Williston,	'70, Mar. 3.	'97, Nov. 10.	N. Attleboro.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, and November.

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

22. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	'74, Sept. 15.	*Constantinople.*	Robt. C.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford.	W. C.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29.	'95, Feb. 19.	Medford.	P. C.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'75, Nov. 16.	Concord Junc.	Chaplain.
Charles E. Beals,	'94, April 8.	'98, Nov. 1.	Stoneham.	P. C.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.	'93, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Charles R. Bliss,	'59, April 28.	'62, Nov. 18.	Wakefield.	W. C.
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13.	'97, Feb. 17.	Lexington.	P. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	'62, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	Newton.	P.
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'96, Mar. 17.	W. Medford.	P. C.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.	'89, Jan. 29.	Winchester.	H. M. Sec.
Eugene E. Colburn,	'75, Sept. 18.	'98, Nov. 15.	No. Reading.	P.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	Boston.	W. C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.	'95, Feb. 19.	Wakefield.	P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	*Granville, Ill.*	P.

22. WOBURN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James L. Fowle,	'78, July 3.	'98, Nov. 15.	Woburn.	F. M.
Henry H. French,	'86, April 25.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden.	P. C.
Henry H. Hamilton,	'72, Sept. 1.	'98, Nov. 15.	Lexington.	W. C.
Cyrus Hamlin,	'38, Oct 3.	'91, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	W. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 17.	'86, Mar. 16.	Wilmington.	P. C.
Robert W. Haskins,	'72, Oct. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Reading.	W. C.
Henry A. Hazen,	'58, Feb. 17.	'74, Sept. 15.	Auburndale.	Sec. N. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.	'87, June 13.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'99, Feb. 21.	Reading.	P. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	'95, Jan. 29.	Melrose Highlands.	P. C.
Elihu Loomis,	'51, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	Bedford.	W. C.
George E. Lovejoy,	'73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	*Pittsfield, N. H.*	P. C.
Thomas MacBriar,	'90, Jan. 15.	'98, Nov. 15.	Melrose.	W. C.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn.	P. C. Em.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden.	W. C.
Robert D. Miller,	'56, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Malden.	W. C.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester.	P. C.
Isaac Pierson,	'70, Mar. 30.	'96, Oct. 8.	S. Medford.	P.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Woburn.	P. C.
Thomas Sims,	'75, June 9.	'98, Nov. 1.	Melrose.	P.
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'88, May 1.	Ballardvale.	P.
George H. Tilton,	'73, June 4.	'98, Nov. 15.	No. Woburn.	P.
Peter Vincentius,	'88, Aug. 19.	'89, Jan. 29.	East Boston.	P.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18.	'74, Mar. 17.	Malden.	W. C.
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Malden.	W. C.
J. Christopher Williams,	'90, Feb. 23.	'99, Feb. 21.	Linden.	P.

Licentiate. — Albert V. Fisher.

STATED MEETINGS. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, September, and November.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

23. WORCESTER CENTRAL, Organized November 4, 1823.

August L. Anderson,	'86, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	Worcester.	P.
Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	P. C.
Orange C. Bailey,	'85, Oct. 13.	'94, Nov. 13.	Worcester.	P. C
Albert E. Bradstreet,	'88, Aug. 30.	'95, Nov. 12.	Oxford.	P.
Sherman W. Brown,	'93, June 6.	'96, Nov. 10.	Spencer.	P. C.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept. 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Scituate Center.	W. C.
Edward M. Chapman,	'90, Sept. 9.	'93, Nov. 14.	Worcester.	P. C.
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'85, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	P. C.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, June 19.	'99, Feb. 7.	Boylston.	P.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	'93, Nov. 14.	Rutland.	P.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.

23. Worcester Central (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	Orange.	W. C.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Burlington.	P.
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	Worcester.	P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Somerville.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Nantucket.	P.
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'96, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P.
John E. Hurlbut,	'75, Mar. 24.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'97, April 6.	Shrewsbury.	P.
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.	Somerville.	W. C.
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May 2.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	P. C.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept.	'95, Nov. 12.	Berlin.	W. C.
John H. Matthews,	'91, May 5.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P.
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	P. C.
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94, April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb 3.	Auburn.	P. C.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Sterling.	P.
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Leicester.	P. C.
Casper F. Scherff,	'76, April 9.	'90.	Clinton.	P.
Willard Scott,	'79, Oct. 29.	'99, Feb. 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.
Edwin S. Tingley,	'71, Feb. 1.	'85, May 5.	Milford.	W. C.
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
John Udd,	'96, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.	Princeton.	P.
Inman L. Willcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and April, and second Tuesday in November.

Rev. E. W. Phillips, Worcester, scribe.

24. Worcester North, Organized June 18, 1818.

James A. Bates,	'60, Sept. 19.	'99, April 25.	S. Royalston.	P.
Rolla G. Bugbee,	'76, Nov. 8.	'98, Jan. 25.	Athol.	P.
Joseph S. Cogswell,	'68, Nov. 14.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
Preston R. Crowell,	'90, Sept. 4.		Phillipston.	P.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9.	Royalston.	P.
Davis Foster,	'55, Nov. 1.	'69, Nov. 27.	Winchendon.	P. C.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	W. C.
Burton S. Gilman,	'97, May 16.	'97, April 26.	Gardner.	P. C.

24. Worcester North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Edwin S. Gould,	'73, Oct. 1.	'94, Jan. 23.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
John W. Hird,	'79, Mar. 19.	'91, April 28.	Baldwinville.	P.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Boston.	W. C.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	New Salem.	P.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, April 5.	'93, April 25.	Templeton.	P. C.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W. C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	P.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Phillipston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — Aubrey C. Gilmore.

Stated Meetings. — Fourth Tuesdays in January, April, and October, and second Tuesday in July.

Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

25. Worcester South, Organized in 1818.

Frederic A. Balcom,	'82, Jan. 9.	'95, Sept. 17.	*Saylesville, R. I.*	P.
Ernest M. Bartlett,	'97, Oct. 19.	'98, June 14.	Northbridge.	P. C.
William A. Benedict,	'49, June 27.	'76, Oct. 10.	Newton Center.	W. C.
Henry A. Blake,	'76, Sept. 13.	'89, Oct. 8.	Webster.	W. C.
Frank L. Bristol,	'75, Oct. 25.	'88, Oct. 9.	Uxbridge.	P.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge.	P.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.		W. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	Millbury.	P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.	'92, Jan. 12.	Sutton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.	'94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville.	P.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29.	'93, April 11.	Stoneham.	W. C.
Charles P. Pierce,	'98, Nov. 15.	'98, June 14.	E. Douglas.	P.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Benjamin A. Robie,	'66, Mar. 22.	'84, Oct. 14.	Grafton.	W. C.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Upton.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge, scribe.

THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

REV. HENRY A. HAZEN.

This is not the first visit which the General Association has made to the vigorous young city of Brockton. We came here in 1887, and I am not sure that we have ever had the invitation repeated to any other town with so short an interval. It is worth adding, that this invitation came to us two years ago; and, what is rather rare, came without any previous suggestion that an invitation would be acceptable. The moderator of that Association was the Rev. Dr. Perkins, long the beloved pastor of Ware, and now living in honorable retirement at Worcester.

A committee was appointed of which Drs. Quint, Rice, and Thurston were members, to consider and report upon the question raised by the action of the National Council the year previous, recommending that the record and report of ministerial standing be transferred to the conferences of churches. The report of this committee was adopted in 1888, recommending the conferences to make such changes in their rules as this new duty would call for. Ten years have passed, and only one conference, so far as known to the secretary, has taken any action on the subject. Brookfield has the matter in hand.

Our churches have followed the even tenor of their way, during the year, and few incidents call for special mention. One is that we have passed the 600 point in the number of our churches and report 601. The next State, on our roll, in number of churches, is Illinois with 361.

Massachusetts has been just 30 years in gaining 100 churches; and the coincidence is striking, that we were also just 30 years in gaining the previous hundred from 400 to 500. Our gain in membership has been larger, in proportion, than our gain in churches. Our 601 churches now report an average of 189 members each. In 1869, the 500 churches reported an average of 160 members; in 1839, the average membership was 145.

Our total membership is now 113,544, a gain of 589, not quite one member to each church. Ninety-seven of the churches report no additions. The total additions reported is 5,503, or an average of about 11 members each, to the 500 churches reporting additions. The additions on confession were 2,847; the removals by death, 1,740, a difference of 1,107.

Our Sunday Schools report a total membership of 120,581, a decrease from last year of 3,666.

The total of our benevolent contributions is $555,593, a sum smaller than last year by $53,880. The home expenditures reached the sum of $1,581,770, a decrease nearly as large as that of benevolences, $47,629. The falling off of benevolences reached every one of our eight columns. It was largest, nearly one half, in the gifts to home missions; and almost a quarter, in the education column. In the other six columns, it reached but a fraction more than one quarter of the whole.

We did not gain as much time as we ought, in fact, lost 2 or 3 days, in the date of completing our reports. That is not the kind of progress which Massachusetts owes to herself. Six conference reports came in January, Mendon as usual leading the column, followed by Barnstable, Worcester North, Hampshire, Worcester South, and Hampshire East. Brookfield came Feb. 1, and was followed in order by Berkshire South, Franklin, Norfolk, Hampden, Middlesex Union, Pilgrim, Worcester, Taunton, Middlesex South, Old Colony, Suffolk South, Woburn, Essex South, Andover, Suffolk West, Essex North, Suffolk North and Berkshire North; the two latter on the last day of February.

There is still reason to repeat, what for substance your secretary so many times has said that you are weary of the repetition, that there is no good reason why these reports from the churches should be thus drawn out over two months; that the six conferences, reporting in January, did more than as many more of the conferences might do, if they would, as several of them in previous years have done. And all might report the first week in February, if they would bring the same diligence and same methods to bear upon the problem which other conferences do.

Is there any word which can be said, anything which can be done, which will move these later reporting Conferences to do their work in one month? In this way only can Massachusetts do her part, in securing the issue of the Year-Book April 1, a step easily within our reach. When the churches will, it this will be done; not till then.

It is a pleasure to report the excellent session of the National Council, held in Portland, Or., in July. The number of delegates present was of course smaller than it would have been in an Eastern city, but a thoroughly representative delegation was present, and the current of discussion and action was of a high order. It is a satisfaction that our State delegation was full, needing only the appointment of two delegates on the ground, as our delegation is authorized, under the vote of the Association, to fill it. In all, twenty-five delegates from Massachusetts were present.

Under the action of the Council, two matters will call for your consideration. One is the appointment by this Association of delegates to the International Council which is to meet in Boston in September. The Council instructed the provisional committee to apportion the delegates, to the various States, in proportion to their church members. This has been done, and our assignment is seventeen.

I may add here that the arrangements for this great assembly are making good progress. We have assurance of a large and strong delegation from England, and there is no room for doubt, that the occasion will prove most inspiring and successful. It is a great honor to our State, that this Council comes naturally to the Bay State. The day after adjournment is to be devoted to a pilgrimage to Plymouth; and the members of our churches may well and widely join in a visit sure to be so memorable.

The Council, also, named a committee of fifteen, on missionary work,

"to devise plans for paying the debt of every society and for such increased gifts as shall make it possible to enlarge our work, at home and abroad. It shall also suggest such other measures, looking to a closer union in the presentation of our common work, as may seem expedient."

The plans of this committee are broad in their scope, and it is confidently hoped that its action may result in wise adjustments and enlargement of our missionary work, at home and abroad.

One of its duties is to secure the appointment of similar co-operative committees in the States and conferences throughout the country. And this Association will be asked to name a co-operative committee to consist of one representative from each conference, a duty which will, no doubt, receive your early and favorable attention.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY P. EMERSON, *Treasurer, in account with the* GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY, 1899.

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1898.		
To cash on hand last report		$1,921 22
" receipts from Conferences		6,577 33
" interest		19 40
" stamps		2 96
Total		$8,520 91

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1898.		
By Rev. H. A. Hazen, salary		$500 00
" " " " stationery and postage		80 95
" Alfred Mudge & Son, printing Minutes		783 79
" Rev. Francis J. Marsh, postage and expenses		21 30
" Thomas Todd, telegram to the President		2 33
" Herbert N. Ackerman, Board of Pastoral Supply		4,023 27
" Rev. Clayton Welles, committee on Church Work, printing, etc.		14 58
" Samuel B. Forbes, treasurer National Council Congregational Churches		2,259 22
" Rev. James W. Flagg, expense attending annual meeting at Greenfield		5 00
" postage and stationery		6 14
" cash on hand		824 33
Total		$8,520 91

Amount of the apportionments not received from the different Conferences.

Barnstable, 1897			$10 05
Brookfield, 1898			18 35
Berkshire North, 1898			38 69
Essex North, 1898			22 37
" South, 1898			9 95
Hampden, 1898			55 58
Mendon, 1898			52 10
Middlesex South, 1898			9 17
Norfolk, 1897	$26 46		
" 1898	143 69		
	$170 15		
Paid,	25 00		
			145 15
Old Colony, 1895	$16 38		
" 1896	17 22		
" 1897	17 69		
" 1898	32 08		
			83 37
Suffolk North, 1898			162 38
" South, 1898			37 30
" West, 1898			19 69
Taunton, 1898			11 58
Worcester North, 1898			17 63
" South, 1898			33 18
Total			$751 54

HENRY P. EMERSON, *Treas.*

BOSTON, May 15, 1899.

The Auditing Committee of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts have examined the accounts of the treasurer, Henry P. Emerson, and find that he has received eight thousand five hundred twenty and ninety-one one hundredths dollars ($8,520.91), and paid out seven thousand six hundred ninety-six and fifty-eight one hundredths dollars ($7,696.58), presenting proper vouchers for said payments, and has a balance on deposit with the Beacon Trust Company of eight hundred twenty-four and thirty-three one hundredths dollars ($824.33).

CHARLES E. SWETT,
J. H. TEWKSBURY,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

REV. STEPHEN G. BARNES, LONGMEADOW.

When the Committee on the Work of the Churches met this year, there was manifested a distinct unwillingness to take up any statistical inquiry, any investigation of mere methods. The feeling was generally and strongly expressed that we needed to go back of all ways and means to a consideration of the power of God, without which machinery is useless and burdensome. Conference with the Provisional Committee for this May meeting proved them to be of the same mind, and hence the program which is before you, with its central thought of "The Church as a Power," and its sub-topics, "The Source of the Power," "The Obtainment of the Power," "The Application of the Power." Circumstances, which it is not necessary to detail, prevented the sending out of the usual questions, and the accustomed gathering of views and facts from the churches, and therefore the Secretary, contrary to his expectation and intention, appears without any report of the kind with which you are familiar. The non-appearance of this ordinary report has been utilized by the committee as the occasion for a searching discussion of its purpose and methods; and, as a result, the Secretary brings from the committee a request for an important change of its constitution. It will be well to preface this recommendation by some consideration of the past history of this committee.

Its initiation is due to Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Noyes, a man of marked evangelical convictions and powers. His original plan was to bring, annually, before the churches of the Commonweath, the salient facts of their life and work, especially in relation to the unchristianized populations and the outlying districts, with the purpose of increasing the zeal for evangelistic work among people not ordinarily reached. This original object is apparent in the words of the rule describing the function of the committee; it is to make a report "upon the work of the churches and the state of religion." It is also apparent in the constitution of the committee, the membership consisting first and characteristically of the chairmen of the corresponding committees in the local conferences, the work through the whole State thus being provided with expert representation.

This line of report was followed for many years. But in the course of time the interest in this particular form of historical statement seemed to wane. Some of the conferences ceased to appoint committees on the work of the churches. A drift set in toward the consideration of special phases of church life and work, and the era of topics came in, the discus-

sion of the Sunday school, the Christian Endeavor Society, the employment of evangelists, and the like. This topical method has been pursued since 1882, with varying success. The questions sent out by the Secretary have received fairly representative answers, and the reports made on the basis of these replies compared favorably with the reports of any other committee. Yet the depressing fact was constantly in evidence, that the majority of the pastors left the questions quite unanswered. Criticism has been much more common than co-operation, and there has been increasing difficulty in selecting desirable topics and in formulating satisfactory questions. Again, the sphere of the committee's work has been considerably diminished by the appointment of special committees, six of which have places on the program of the present meeting. Not a few members of the Association have felt that the work of this committee, as of late conducted, could just as well be done by some other agency, — by the Provisional Committee, for example.

A further fact is that the Constitution of the committee has proved to be a source of discouragement and demoralization. There are forty-eight members, but full half of them never attend, and if a quarter of them appear at any one meeting it is a large representation. And this results from the nature of the case. The membership is so large that the individual member feels no special responsibility; most of the members live so far away from the place where any particular meeting is called, that they cannot afford either the time or the money required for attendance; the work actually done by the committee can be done quite as well by ten men as by fifty; the members are all busy men, with work on hand that is urgent, while this is not urgent. Why should any one expect their attendance? The result is that every meeting of the committee labors under the incubus of absenteeism and apparent neglect.

The suggestion has been freely made that the committee should be abolished as an archaic institution, a piece of machinery that now works so hard as not to pay for the steam necessary to make it go. The committee itself is hardly ready to recommend its own extinction. It is ready, however, to make some radical recommendations, looking toward greater efficiency and usefulness.

First, it proposes a return to the original and constitutional idea suggested by the phrase, "the work of the churches and the state of religion." It believes that this subject, when adequately treated, is one of great and general interest; that, if the Christian workers throughout the State can be persuaded to give hearty co-operation, if the vital facts can be secured in sufficient number to save the report from mere generalities, and genialities, it will be possible to present each year a narrative of the state of religion which shall be among the best "rousements" of the meetings. Such narratives are often greatly valued in the local conferences; why should they not be even more valuable in our State gatherings? The periodicals of the day do indeed give us many items of religious news. Yet who is there of us that would not be instructed and edified by a really comprehensive view of the religious work of the year, in which such items

and many others should find their places, so related and emphasized as to develop a State consciousness, which should match and supplement the consciousness of the individual church?

This return to the original idea of the committee requires no action on the part of the Association, but the accomplishment of another desired change must wait upon such action. The committee believe that their present constitution is so cumbrous as to be unworkable; so unreal as to be demoralizing. It is their judgment that its work can be done better by a small number of men who feel their responsibility than by a large number that feel no special responsibility. To secure the desired reduction of the number they would have no *ex-officio* members of this committee. They would recognize the various conferences by having their scribes made corresponding members, not required to attend the meetings, but expected to give hearty co-operation in the gathering of information. They would have the active members of the committee limited to nine, three to be elected each year, to serve for a period of three years. And they believe that a body so constituted could and would work in an atmosphere of evident faithfulness.

They therefore present to this Association the following recommendation, that Rule XI., Section 6, second sentence, be amended so as to read: This committee shall consist of nine members, three to be chosen each year, to serve for three years. The scribes of the local conferences shall be corresponding members of this committee.

If this amendment is adopted, we recommend that the Committee on the Work of the Churches, as now constituted, be discontinued, and that a new committee be chosen under the amended rule, three members to serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years.

BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

To the General Association of Massachusetts:

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply respectfully presents its fifth annual report.

There have been held nine meetings of the Board of Directors. At most of these meetings the majority of the Directors have been present. Those who by reason of distance have been unable to attend with regularity have maintained their acquaintance with the doings of the Board. Careful consideration has been given to questions concerning the support and the policy of the Board and the administration of the office.

During the year ending at the first of May we have rendered service in matters connected with pastoral settlements to one hundred and fifty-two churches. This number is considerably larger than in any previous year. Of these one hundred and fifty-two churches there were in Massachusetts eighty-two, in Maine four, in New Hampshire thirteen, in Vermont ten, in Rhode Island three, in Connecticut five, in New York three, in New Jersey two, in Pennsylvania two, in Maryland one, in the District of Columbia one, in Virginia one, in South Carolina one, in South Africa one, in Ohio two, in Michigan one, in Illinois five, in Wisconsin two, in Minnesota two, in South Dakota two, in Iowa one, in Missouri one, in Colorado one, in Wyoming one, in California one, in Oklahoma two, in Oregon one, and in Nova Scotia one.

We make no account in this list of anything except that which has been done officially in direct response to requests from authorized representatives of churches. Any communications that may have been had with unofficial members of churches or parishes are not included; and we do not reckon here the furnishing of occasional or temporary supplies. It is not meant that pastoral settlements corresponding to this number of churches have been actually brought about in concurence with the work of our office; but definite official consultations relative to the filling of the pastorate have been had to the extent indicated. In some cases the effect of these consultations may perhaps have been adverse as to the engagement of particular men, a result not pleasing in itself, but sometimes in reality desirable. The number of actual settlements in which we have had an important share has been fifty-nine. Consultations with ministers relative to a change of pastorate or to the acceptance of calls are of continual occurrence, but no record is made of them.

Opportunities to preach with a view to settlement have been furnished to one hundred and fourteen men. In many cases the opportunities have been several times repeated. Of the men who have preached as candidates a full and large proportion were residents of Massachusetts.

In the case of churches that have received their candidates directly

from our office, the average number of such candidates that have been heard before a settlement has been reached has been two and seventy-four one hundredths. Eleven churches have taken the first candidate that has appeared before them. The average age of the men settled was a little less than thirty-eight years. This is an increase of nearly three years as compared with the figures of the last report.

Of the whole number of churches served by us in matters relative to the pastorate, there were twenty-nine having a membership of over three hundred, sixty having a membership of from one hundred to three hundred, and sixty-three having a membership of less than one hundred. Of these churches nineteen pay a salary of over $2,000, forty-seven a salary of between $1,000 and $2,000, and eighty-six of less than $1,000. An examination of these figures for the four years in which they have been given shows strikingly the general downward drift of salaries.

There has been a fair proportion of large churches in correspondence with our office, yet the relative numbers of the smaller somewhat predominate. These churches are the least able to afford the expense or to take the trouble of making inquiries and observations concerning the men who are under consideration as candidates. The assistance of our Board has been offered to them, as in the line of helpful fellowship from all the churches. The files of our office contain very numerous letters expressive of satisfaction with the measure of service which we have been able to render them.

The number of Massachusetts churches reckoned by us as without a pastor one year ago was forty-four. There are at present thirty-five pastoral vacancies. This must be the smallest number for many years. Four of these are very small churches that are making no effort to engage a pastor. Comparing with the corresponding figures for 1894, at the opening of our office, and throwing out in each case these very small churches — of which there were at that time six — we have the number of vacancies five years ago as fifty-three against thirty-one at the present time, which is a decrease of forty-one and five tenths per cent.

The business of the office in the furnishing of occasional supplies is probably less than may be commonly supposed. The whole number for the year has been three hundred and sixty-two, or an average of about seven for a Sunday. In the three months of July, August, and September the averages are larger; for some other months they are much less. The number of ministers ready on any Sunday to fill these appointments has been several times larger. The figures as thus given do not include the preaching of the secretary nor certain cases of supplying that were more or less permanent; and they do not include the preaching of those who were candidates for settlement.

The room occupied by our Board in the new Congregational House is pleasant and well suited to its use. All the additional furnishings required have been provided by the personal gift of two gentlemen, members of the Board. These furnishings include carpet, drawers for the filing of papers, a typewriter, valuable books of reference, with other much

needed articles, the cost of the whole being $233.42. Substantially the whole equipment of the office from the first has been provided in the same way, by individual gifts, without expense to the Board or the churches, — the cost having been about $400.

The account of H. A. Ackerman, treasurer of the Board, is as follows: —

Receipts: —

Office fees	$196 11
Preaching of secretary	537 25
From churches directly	220 43
From H. P. Emerson, treasurer, General Association	4,023 27
	$4,977 06

Expenditures: —

Office rent and janitor's services	$301 75
Lettering door and bulletin	13 20
Moving expenses	9 00
Advertising	31 20
Printing	11 50
Stationery and furnishings	31 97
Telegraph and telephone	8 99
Postage	77 18
Travelling expenses	77 96
Electric lighting	3 60
Paid secretary on account	3,960 71
Salary of secretary's assistant	450 00
	$4,977 06

There is a balance due the secretary of $862.52. There are no other debts. The contributions which have come to us from the churches without passing through the treasury of the Association have been mostly, though not altogether, such as were intended to cover the arrearges of the preceding year.

If the debt were disposed of, the sum needed for current expenses in addition to the incidental receipts of the office would be about $2,300, or very nearly two cents to each church member in the State. It is possible that some gain may be made in receipts from other sources. The sums received for services rendered to churches without the State have been but small in comparison with the work that has been done. It is not easy to bring this matter to a strict business basis without a certain appearance of narrowness which we have not thought the churches of Massachusetts would wish us to present. It has seemed better that we should be neighborly always even if we were not always thrifty. Besides, while the payments have been small, it has been to our advantage to do the work, since the cost has been but slight, and since there would be no material saving of expense by cutting it off. But this subject will receive further careful consideration. A proposition is now before the Board looking

towards a stricter and more remunerative policy in our dealing with churches outside the State.

No fees of any sort have been charged to Massachusetts ministers. This on the whole has seemed best, while yet there are points of view from which it would appear that some such charge should be made. It would not in any case be proposed that any fee should be collected in connection with pastoral settlements in Massachusetts. But the matter of occasional supplying may stand upon a different basis. It is certainly the desire of the Board to neglect no appropriate means by which the incidental receipts of the office may be increased, and its cost to the churches lessened.

The action of the General Association in relation to the Board of Pastoral Supply has been deliberate and considerate. The subject was first brought forward in 1892. A committee was appointed which reported the following year, advising the establishment of such an agency. A discussion arose in which were developed such differences of opinion as may appear at any time among brethren having equally at heart the interests of a great common cause. The proposal of the committee prevailed, and it was voted "that the General Association of Congregational churches of Massachusetts establish at Boston a ministerial bureau, to be under the general direction and support of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts." Provisions for organization were made, and the vote continues with the statement "that the General Association of the Congregational churches assumes the responsibility of the bureau and will rely on the churches and pastors for such financial aid as may be needed to carry on its work efficiently; and especially recommending the churches to contribute annually at least three cents a member toward the support of the bureau." Directors were chosen at this meeting. Consultations were had and preparatory steps taken, and the Board reported the progress made to the Association at Pittsfield in 1894. The Association proceeded in furtherance of its former action, and voted "that this Association instructs the Board of Directors to proceed at once to procure a secretary in the confident expectation that the contribution of money for its support will be forthcoming." This action was taken with but little if any apparent opposition. It was not until after this second conference and decision of the Association that the post of secretary was filled and the office of the Board actually opened.

Two things were thus done, and repeated in doing: First, the Association established the Board and assumed the responsibility for it. Second, it proposed a plan for meeting this responsibility and providing the needful support. Any partial failure of the proposed method of maintenance could not exhaust the responsibility assumed. The Board, in the fact of its life, and in every function of its life, is the direct creation of the General Association.

The actual business of the office began almost from the first to be large. The scale of its expenditure has always been less than was proposed by the committee upon whose report the action of the Association was based.

During the first year after the opening of our office there was incurred a deficiency of $1,157.30, and for each of the next three years about half as much, making a total, one year ago, of $2,823.27. Several of the conferences, meanwhile, had taken upon themselves the collection of the sums recommended for the support of the Board, and in 1898 there were nine such conferennes. The General Association had approved of this action of the conferences, and had in each year, by distinct vote, commended the work of the Board.

A year ago the Board in its report expressed the wish that the Association might provide for the indebtedness incurred, and recommended also that the Association should undertake the collection of the sums needed for the Board directly, and along with the other contributions asked for from the churches. This proposal was adopted with manifestations of hearty approval. The sums required, however, had grown to be large through the arrearages of preceding years. Many other claims have pressed upon the churches. The financial severity of the times has continued, at least so far as concerns every agricultural interest. It is no matter of surprise that questions and objections should arise concerning this call upon the churches for enlarged contribution to the treasury of the General Association. Yet this method still seems to us the most simple, the most economical as to time and money, and, on the whole, the most appropriate; and we recommend its continuance.

It should be remembered that the sums asked for by the General Association have not been actually larger for the last year than for the preceding years, only it has been proposed that they should be forwarded in one payment to the treasurer of the Association instead of two payments, one to the Association, the other to the treasury of the Board as in the preceding years.

It has been suggested by some that the Board might be maintained by general subscriptions from churches and individuals, as other benevolent organizations are. But this, if practicable, would require a considerable part of the time of the secretary, and it would greatly interfere with that important and essential portion of his work which is done in his visiting on Sundays, wherever he is requested to do it, the churches that are without a pastor. And the secretary has much doubt whether this raising of money in so large a part for the payment of his own salary would prove to him an interesting and animating occasion of public labor.

It should be considered too that the work of the Board is general in its nature. It touches constantly on general interests. It requires for its effective maintenance and support a general concurrence. It seems, therefore, to have place with the matters that may properly be provided for by an assembly representing all the churches. Besides, unlike most other organizations for which contributions are taken, this agency has to do particularly with the internal relations of fellowship and helpfulness existing among the churches themselves. It is in this respect denominational. It seems to belong more nearly than anywhere else with the collecting and publishing of statistics concerning churches and ministers,

and the printing of the Minutes of the General Association itself, for which things the Association properly provides.

The very large and increasing extent to which the churches are making use of our office shows also the existence of a general want for which some provision should be made, and which we are earnestly striving to meet.

It has been the constant purpose of the Board to bring the administration of the office as far as possible under the control of general rules of action. And in this connection it has been meant that the distinctive principles of Congregationalism should be most carefully guarded. The office can of course do nothing beyond the giving of information or the offering of advice or suggestion. But it gives neither advice, information, nor suggestion unless they are asked for. We send general letters in the nature of advertisements, with an offer of service, but we do nothing further except in answer to the request of a church. This rule has not been broken in a single instance.

It is a distinguishing feature of our work that it is done under obligations and responsibilities. We have no authorities; we have only obligations. It is our business to serve the churches with truth and faithfulness, and the ministers with impartiality and fairness. For this the secretary is answerable to the Directors, and the Directors to the Association. This sense of responsibility is of itself no slight thing. Then the methods of the office permit and provide for investigation. Every letter written, touching in any manner upon the character or qualifications of any minister, is exactly preserved. The name of every man that has ever preached as a candidate or in any other manner, with every place where he has ever been, from the first opening of the office, stands upon a plain record. If any official of the board, tempted of the devil, or drawn away by his own lust and weakness, should give weight unfairly to personal wishes or personal friendships or spites, or should become the agent or ally of any group or clique or party of men, this correspondence and these lists themselves of the names of all the men that preach would carry the marks of the wrong. The whole record would be open to inspection by any authorized committee which the Association might appoint, or by this Board itself, which is in fact a committee charged with the responsibility of preventing all such maladministration.

Our Congregational traditions and habits of associated action withal are such that official abuses would not be likely to go long unnoticed and unchecked. The personal interests involved in this instance are so close, so delicate, and so vital that men who may be treated injuriously will not be likely to be silent concerning it. The safeguards are strong. With the enduring principles of Congregationalism, and the wakeful activities of human nature, we may confidently believe that there will be forever kept alive in the bosom of those who administer this office a purifying and beneficent uneasiness.

But let us rather hope that in the midst of these responsibilities, and sustained by the strengthening influences which belong to our Congrega-

tional order and to the church of God, the office may gain for itself in time some established standing as a place in which the truth only is to be spoken, in love, and in which honor and duty alone are regarded.

We have in our office daily and hourly knowledge of the anxieties that beset many of our brethren in the ministry, and of the exceeding patience with which in general they are borne.

It is a matter of constant painfulness that we are unable so often to remove or lighten much the burdens which they are bearing. We mean at least that all these brethren shall be made to feel that they enter our office without humiliation, coming as of public right, and for ends that lie in reality beyond themselves in the welfare of the churches which they desire to serve. The secretary would deeply regret it if ever, through any inadvertence, this impression has failed to be given.

The difficulties of the present situation as bearing upon the ministry are very largely financial rather than numerical. The fall in salaries, except in the more prosperous places, has been general. It has been as sharp as ever during the last year. It has pressed heavily on many of our pastors; and at the same time that it has brought discomfort on them in their present positions, it has increased the difficulty of finding more desirable settlements. We have no power to provide a remedy.

If the cost of the education of children could be reduced correspondingly, and brought more nearly to the level of former years, this would furnish a considerable measure of relief to many. The better furnishing and equipment of parsonages, especially in the smaller towns, would be helpful in the same direction; and there are some of our churches that need encouragement and assistance in the making of these provisions for the comfort of their pastors.

The Board invites suggestion from every quarter respecting its methods and management. It is not set to do its own work but the work of the churches. It asks for their consideration, sympathy, and support; and it desires also their continuing kindness and patience with respect to the imperfections of the service which it endeavors to render.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST GAMBLING.

THE METHODS AND RESULTS WHICH HAVE LED TO THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE PRESENT LEGISLATURE OF A BILL TO LEGALIZE POOL-SELLING AT TROTTING RACES CONDUCTED BY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES, OR BY ASSOCIATIONS OF ROAD-HORSE DRIVERS, OR BY PARKS BELONGING TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TROTTING PARKS.

Your committee have done what they could during the past year to secure the enforcement of the law against gambling throughout this Commonwealth, and they have not completely succeeded. The municipalities which were closed a year ago have remained closed, but most of those which had been open up to that time remained open last season. Representations by citizens of Holyoke and Westfield were made to their respective municipal governments requesting action against gambling at races. No action was taken in either case. This year, in both places, there is more ground for hope. Elsewhere throughout Western and Central Massachusetts, so far as your committee have heard, the law was sustained.

East of Worcester County, the conspicuous breaches of the law against gambling occur in the vicinity of Boston, and the little your committee has been able to do has been to develop public opinion in support of the operations of the New England Watch and Ward Society.

This society requested the officials of the town of Brookline to prevent gambling at the events of the Country Club. It was done by the officers of the club, the petition having been forwarded to them by the selectmen.

In Medford, Mystic Park remained closed through the year, but at Combination Park pictures of horses were sold which were used as pool tickets. The efforts of the Watch and Ward Society secured from the District Court a verdict to the effect that this form of procedure was not lawful, but only evasive, and the city authorities stopped the sale of such tickets. In this case, upon the sale of pictures of horses as pool tickets, the seller appealed to the Superior Court of Middlesex County and there pleaded "*nolo contendere*," and paid a fine.

Gambling occurred in Dedham at races upon the so-called Readville track. After persistent representations by the Watch and Ward Society, the town officers gave out that they had ordered gambling to be stopped; but according to the best evidence obtainable by the society, gambling proceeded, and without any apparent traces of official repression.

The selectmen of Saugus promised the Watch and Ward Society to suppress gambling at races in Franklin Park. Nevertheless gambling occurred there. The society then took action of itself and secured convictions of three men, who were fined $25, $30, and $50, respectively.

At later races in Saugus the society obtained warrants for the arrest of men for selling pools, but when the chief of police once and again took these warrants to the Park, no man wanted could be found. When the officer and representative of the society returned on the next day, they were refused admission to the track.

It appears, therefore, that the law of the State against gambling failed to be enforced last year in Westfield, Holyoke, Dedham, and Saugus.

This state of affairs properly raises the question whether, since four such loopholes were not stopped, the efforts at restraint have been anything better than failures.

In answer, your committee point to the fact that a bill was brought before the present Legislature to legalize pool-selling at trotting races conducted by agricultural societies, by associations of road-horse drivers, and at tracks belonging to the national association of trotting parks. The introduction of this bill indicates that even though gambling was possible to some extent, in one place by evasion and in four others through municipal inaction, nevertheless, the gambling interest is not content with such surreptitious and unreliable methods. These four or five places could gamble, but if gambling is possible anywhere, there are other places than these which would like their own share in the gambling privileges. If this bill means anything, it means that enforcement with all its present limitations has already convinced the racing interest that it cannot hold out against the law indefinitely by any policy of mere indirection. Unless gambling can be legalized it must eventually stop; hence, the gambling-interest considers it expedient to make an open effort to repeal so much of the present law as applies to trotting races.

A bill was introduced and referred to the Joint Judiciary Committee. At the hearing before them, the representative who introduced it was left without a single supporter or witness from those in whose favor it was drawn, while a large number of remonstrants appeared against it. At his suggestion it was referred to the next General Court, a confession of temporary defeat, and a proof of the necessity of watchfulness and positive opposition.

It will be of interest to consider the effect of the changes proposed. The agricultural societies, in the first instance, which now receive State aid in consideration of their educational value to farmers, and which are now restrained from gambling by the forfeiture of the assistance of the State which would follow the breach of its law against gambling, would, under this new regulation, be able to receive State aid on the one hand and a percentage of the pool-sellers' profits on the other. This would bring it to pass that money taken from the people by taxation would be employed to uphold an institution which secured profits from gambling privileges; that is, it would make the State an accomplice in gambling.

Further, this bill would enact a monopoly of gambling in behalf of the racing interest. It will be said that the racing interest in Massachusetts without gambling cannot compete successfully with the racing interests of neighboring States whose revenues and premiums are swollen with

gamblers' profits. It will be argued that therefore the racing interest, in order to sustain itself, should be allowed to receive gamblers' profits. But if gambling is a proper resource for the repair of the reduced fortunes of the racing interest, then all other needy individuals and institutions should be allowed their resort to the same lucrative privilege. If, for instance, it is right to allow the racing interest to gamble because it needs the money to sustain itself, the churches always need money, and for ends assuredly as noble as the improvement of the road-horse, and they should be allowed the use of gambling for the support of the Gospel and the spread of missions.

Many will say that the sturdy moral sense of the old Bay State will surely not establish a monopoly of gambling for the benefit of horse-racing; but on the other hand, there are some pretty stout forces whose interests run counter to the moral sense. Such are: All the people who want to see horse-racing continue on the liberal scale of premiums and revenues made possible by a percentage from the gamblers' profits; all the people who consider the moral objection to gambling a fanatical impertinence; all the millions invested in it which seek the higher rate of profits made possible by a share in the gamblers' gains. These are not small forces.

Mr. Henry Chase, the veteran agent of the Watch and Ward Society, who is probably the best-informed man in the State upon this subject, writes: "Should this bill become a law, it would make the whole State one great gambling arena. Nothing but an aroused public sentiment can prevent it."

While the gambling interests are all active, good people are liable not so much as to know that there is any danger.

Should this bill to legalize gambling be revived in the next Legislature, to which it has been referred, the help and influence of every man may be needed to prevent the Commonwealth from becoming a great gambling arena.

The Association will need to continue a committee to work against the bill and to develop public opinion so that the duly-appointed officers of the law may enforce the statute in localities where it has not been heeded hitherto.

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

By the resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting a duty was assigned to your Committee whose magnitude was, save by a few, slightly appreciated. In view of the fact that the law requiring the instruction of temperance hygiene for "all pupils in all schools" of our Commonwealth was largely ignored or only slightly honored in many regions of the State, you instructed your Committee to do what they might deem wise to secure such a strengthened law as should ensure this instruction for every child in our public schools. The necessity for such effort was later developed by an investigation, which showed that only in about one half of one hundred and thirty-five school districts replying to inquiry was the law faithfully observed; in about one third of these districts no provision whatever had been made for it, and in about one fifth it had been but partly executed. Deeming it essential that all Christian and temperance organizations should co-operate in a work so important, your Committee invited representatives of sixteen such bodies to meet, and the result was the organization of the Massachusetts Central Committee for the Promotion of Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools.

In soliciting such co-operation, both of organizations and individuals, it was distinctly stated that the aim of the effort was to secure such a law as should, by clearer definition and penalty for non-compliance, ensure this instruction to every child of our schools. The bill which the executive branch of the general committee, after careful deliberation, presented to the General Court, embodied the provisions which had for a number of years been in successful operation in other States, and whose details rested on the counsel of a considerable body of educators, among whom were thirteen State superintendents of schools together with five persons then connected with the Massachusetts State Board of Education. They were provisions which were supported four years since by the State Congregational Association of New York, in detailed reasons elicited by reason of the strenuous opposition, and sent to the Governor of the State with a request for his signature of the bill already passed by the unanimous vote of both houses of the Legislature. These provisions had been also incorporated in the Illinois law of 1896, and there, as well as in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Minnesota, and other States, had been successfully executed. The fact that in New York men like Dr. John Hall, Dr. Chas. H. Parkhurst, Dr. Edward N. Packard, and Dr. Henry A. Stimson had given to the measure their hearty support, together with many more of New York's ablest pastors and laymen of all denominations, gave us assurance to believe that what had proved a wise measure for other States could not be unwise to meet the needs of Massachusetts.

The wisdom and opportuneness of such instruction to your Committee were developed by the fact later disclosed that already forces were being rallied for a bill whose aim was to practically repeal the present law. We

had hardly made public our purpose by the presentation of our bill to the General Court, when the Myers bill appeared.

This bill, while asking for the scientific temperance instruction, yet asked for it in but two grades of the public schools, and these so late in the course that more than half the children of our schools would of necessity fail to receive the instruction, and these, for the most part, the very children who most need its warning influence. The Myers bill also asked that all text books on physiology should be subject to the approval of three officials of the State, a provision in such conflict with the very essence of liberty as to amply attest the precipitancy with which a few eminent educators in signing that bill followed the counsel of unwise leaders. At the first hearing for the Myers bill this odious section was withdrawn, and the bill was later modified so as to ask for the instruction in each of the three departments of our schools, – the Primary, Grammar, and High.

We were not unprepared for strenuous opposition. The experience in Illinois, New York, and other States had assured us that against any effort to insure this instruction would be marshalled not only those who are by personal habit opposed to the teaching of total abstinence, but many conscientious educators who, while temperance supporters, yet have failed to recognize the urgent need that against the most dangerous foe to good citizenship a barrier must be raised in the most thorough and persistent training of the child. Our bill was hardly made public before a bitter attack was launched upon it through the press declaring the whole movement to be a "book job." By some who failed to inform themselves great surprise was expressed that your Committee should have presented and so committed this Association to a bill against which such general educational opposition had arisen. But it must be distinctly understood how this opposition was arrayed. Notice the steps. The projectors of the Myers bill went before the meeting of State school superintendents, and by an utter perversion of our bill, affirming that it provided a penalty for teachers, and that it required an extravagant amount of time for instruction respecting alcohol and narcotics, and by the presentation of the Myers bill signed by President Eliot, Dean Hodges, and others, some of whom had for years been seeking the practical repeal of the present law, a vote was secured opposing our bill and instructing a committee of their number to appear in opposition before the Legislative committee. The next step was to send a report of this action with what was well known to be an incomplete form of our bill with disparaging comments, together with the Myers bill with favorable comments, to the superintendents, and through them to the principals of our schools, asking for a vote of teachers to signify their choice as between the two bills. To school boards through the State appeals were also sent emphasizing the indignity of a fine for the failure of such bodies to obey the law. And besides all this the chief opposers were unremitting in their personal insinuations that our whole measure was being sought to subserve mercenary ends. It must also be clearly understood that while there are

nine leading publishing houses whose text books on physiology and hygiene conform to the standard of instruction proposed by the eminent educators referred to, there are not a few other physiologies (of one of which a chief opponent to our bill is himself the reviser) which do not conform to that standard and hence which many school boards refuse to accept for their schools. It is easily seen, under such circumstances, how bitter the opposition of some authors and publishers must be both to such temperance text books and to any law which requires that such scientific instruction should be faithfully given. In every State where these laws have been enacted the very same infamous effort has been made, not only to impugn the motives of those who have proposed the legislation, but to smirch the good name of the woman whose influence has told incomparably beyond all other in securing such instruction for the children of America, and whose name and memory will be revered when they who have made such assault have been long forgotten. It is an interesting fact to remember, however, that though openly and often challenged to produce one scintilla of evidence or make one responsible charge, they who have in private uttered these base insinuations have wisely refrained from incurring the danger of public responsibility for the same. Because the name and work of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, for years an honored member of this Committee, has been necessarily connected with a committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, whose approval has been sought for the ten leading series of such text books, it has been the studious effort to belittle and defeat such legislation by the charge that it is a mere matter of personal profit.

The argument of the opposition to our measure was four-fold: first, the measure was affirmed unpedagogical by reason of its specifications respecting the lessons and text books; second, it was affirmed unwise because the instruction needed on this subject is moral and not scientific; third, the teaching of the most widely accepted text books, it was said, conflicts with eminent authorities who affirm alcohol to be a food and not a poison, and counsels a total abstinence which leads the child to criticise the habits of parents who indulge their appetite; fourth, the imposition of a fine upon school boards who disobey the law was affirmed a needless indignity.

To the first charge it was replied that the specifications respecting lessons and text books were *not* unpedagogical, for they had not only been commended by educational experts, but had been for years in successful operation in other States.

The testimony of educators of these States in large abandance was produced declaring that the education on these lines was both successful and healthful in the best sense. It was also conclusively shown in this connection that the field for text books was an absolutely open one for which no person nor organization could hold any monopoly whatever.

The fact that the leading publishing houses of America had found it to their interest to ask for the endorsement of a Committee pledged to favor only books teaching the truth respecting alcohol and narcotics is not a

disparagement of such a Committee, but simply the splendid evidence of the prevalence which has been attained for total abstinence sentiment throughout the land. For the giving of such endorsement not one cent has ever been asked or received, nor has any person received any royalty on the books of these publishers in virtue of such endorsement.

To the second charge, that not scientific but *moral* instruction was needed in our schools, the answer was amply sufficient that our opposers had themselves brought in a bill asking not for "moral" but for the same *scientific* instruction which our bill was asking. Never was inconsistency more manifest than in the persistent contention of every educator who spoke at the hearings that the needed temperance instruction is of a "moral" and not scientific character. We urged that as a basis for all wise moral instruction must lie the scientific truth, and that the indispensable need of scientific instruction by aid of accurate text books was to avoid the unprofitable makeshift which would otherwise appear in the crude efforts of teachers to vaguely discourse on aspects of temperance, for which the school is no place.

It was shown that the chief objection to this instruction had come from the unwise substitution of oral harangue for the strictly scientific method. It is safe to say that never were instructors, by the exigencies of the position they were so unwisely called to defend, compelled to present such incongruous opposition to the very work of scientific education to which their lives are devoted.

The third charge was of the weakest character and produced the slightest effect, being often greeted with the incredulous smiles of our opponent's friends. The attempt of Dr. Henry P. Bowditch, of Harvard College, to prove that because alcohol is to a very slight degree generated in the body by wasting tissues, that therefore it is not a poison but a food, was amply answered by his own admission that, before enough alcohol could ever be taken into the system for food purposes, its effect upon the nerves was too injurious for safety. It was answered by the testimony cited from a large number of the most eminent chemical and medical experts of Europe and America, who agree with Doctors Adolph Fick, August Baer, and August Smith, of Germany, with Dr. August Forel, of Zurich, with Drs. Lankester and Alfred Swain Taylor, of London, and many more of the most noted authorities, in declaring with Dr. Willard Parker, of America, that "From no definition that can be framed of a poison can alcohol be fairly shut out." He was also effectually answered in the fact that though many other deadly poisons are in small quantities generated by the bodily processes they cannot, therefore, be counted foods. To his further contention that no child should be taught what would lead to the criticism of the habits of the parent, it was enough to answer that consistency with such a contention would consign the substance of all education to barbarism. To the intimation that the text books, now in use by many schools and endorsed by the Committee of the W. C. T. U., were not accurate, the testimony was produced of six distinguished medical authorities of America, together with that of Dr. August Baer, of Berlin, who each and

all, after the most careful examination of all these books, had affirmed that their instruction *fully accords* with the best results of scientific investigation.

To the last charge, that the imposition of a penalty upon school boards who fail to obey the law is an indignity, the reply was, *first*, that no citizen, of whatever character or station, who proposes to obey the law can have the slightest objection to a penalty designed not for the doer but the *breaker* of the law; *second*, that not only upon ministers of the Gospel, as upon other citizens, in a multitude of capacities, does penalty rest for failure to observe just and needful laws, but the school statutes themselves, among twenty or more other penalties imposed, make members of school boards liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars for failure to conserve the sanitary health of the school premises under their control; *third*, that the effort to distinguish between other penalties and this penalty for the just enforcement of the statute on temperance education so largely ignored, was but a case of special pleading lacking weight for any candid mind; *fourth*, that whatever indignity was incurred by the penalty attached to a compulsory measure inhered not in the penalty but in the obligatory character of the measure; and *fifth*, that the only force of objection to a penalty for the disregard of any just law must lie in the wish to evade its execution.

Although your Committee had presented a bill with provisions sanctioned by the highest educational authority and already well tried in other States, yet upon the first disclosure of strong opposition on the part of educators, we invited conference with them to ascertain on what ground we might meet. While none the less believing, that the provision of our bill, as respects the minimum amount of instruction in lessons and text books, was the wisest to secure the desired end, yet, in virtue of this opposition from those who represented educational interests, we presented at the last hearing a modified form of our bill which so far met the approval of the opposing educators, that they assented to every feature of it save the penalty for its non-enforcement. But since the only object of seeking a strengthened law was to secure its execution in the regions where it has been either ignored or largely evaded, to abandon this only guarantee for such execution was to practically withdraw the whole measure.

The report of the Committee on Education to the Legislature was that the Myers bill "ought not to pass," and that our bill have "leave to withdraw." In the reasons presented by the Committee on Education with their report to the Legislature, chief stress was laid upon the lack of Massachusetts' precedent for any such detailed specification respecting instruction in other branches, as our bill proposed, for this of temperance physiology and hygiene.

Whatever our conclusion as to the result of our effort or the measure itself, we may well rejoice in the good accomplished by the wide discussion of so important a subject and the positive ground gained. For some years past strenuous effort has been made to depreciate the value of this instruction and to secure such co-operation as would avail to practically repeal the present law. But in order to resist our measure the past oppo-

nents of the instruction were compelled to themselves recognize its value by *asking* for it in the three great departments of our schools. The law may be deemed safe henceforth from every effort to secure its repeal.

The discussion has instructed the public respecting the attitude of other States on this important subject. It has shown that although elsewhere, as in New York, a vast array of educational authorities was rallied to oppose its passage, yet great religious bodies of that State, the Congregational, Baptist, and Methodist, replied with a most emphatic declaration that the measure was both just and needful, and not in conflict with the best pedagogic methods. Our own Congregational Association of New York prepared an elaborate answer to the teachers of that State showing in detail both why the instruction was wise and why it should prevail. As illustrating the conviction of some conspicuous leaders in that State I may cite the reply of Dr. Chas. H. Parkhurst to my personal inquiry last month whether he believed the New York temperance law a wise one. "Yes," he replied with emphasis, "I regard the law wise in all respects, and believe such instruction for the children of our schools to be greatly needed."

The result of the strong educational opposition in Massachusetts, largely secured by the method I have described, has been to lead some who at first believed the measure desirable to question whether a law so largely opposed by educational forces can be wise. Many have asked why the method of instruction should not be wholly left to pedagogical experts. The one reply to this is the fact that no law without *specific definition* can be generally enforced. This whole instruction is demanded by the people in order to meet the most threatening danger to the welfare of the citizen and the State. Without specific definition and without a place provided for this instruction in the school curriculum by the school boards, there are many regions where it will be either ignored, or practically evaded by the merest apology for its execution. It is to be remembered, however, that when your Committee had met every objection of our educators by eliminating all detail as to pedagogical method from the bill, they still declined to unite with us in a measure which simply asked that the execution of the law be *ensured*.

Whether the children of Massachusetts shall receive this instruction it is for the parents, and not for the teachers in their employ, to say. New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, with some ten other States, have said, "The children shall have this instruction," by making those responsible for it amenable to penalty. Forty-two States, together with our National Congress, have said, in substance, "This instruction is needful for *every* pupil of our public schools." The plea so often uttered that Massachusetts schools are so far beyond the educational systems of other States as to make the desired legislation needless, does not greatly appeal to those who having been familiar with both East and West know that such claim has no foundation in fact. What future action shall be must largely rest with those who most fully represent the highest moral and spiritual interests of our Commonwealth.

The legislative committee, in its report, reaffirmed with strongest

emphasis the *obligatory* character of the present law commanding this instruction for "all pupils in all schools" supported by the public money. It counselled the State Board of Education to ascertain by careful inquiry the amount and nature of such instruction each year, and wherever local sentiment fails to hold the officials to a discharge of their duty, to use its influence in securing conformity to the law. It must be the case that henceforth thousands of our citizens who have, hitherto, hardly so much as known the existence of such a law, or the prevalence of similar laws throughout the Union, will closely scrutinize the action of school boards in providing for its execution.

The indifference which in many regions has prevailed, largely by reason of ignorance respecting the need and obligation of such instruction, will no longer find excuse.

The general enlightenment and the quickened conscience respecting this whole subject are the ample reward of your Committee for all the time and labor devoted to the work assigned to it by your resolution.

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ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

One year ago the State Association elected the following gentlemen members of the Committee on Labor Organizations: Messrs. James G. Buttrick, of Lowell, and W. L. Spalding, of Worcester; Revs. William H. Allbright, of Dorchester, Parris T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills, Elwin L. House, of Attleboro, Daniel Evans, of East Weymouth, and Frank W. Merrick, of West Roxbury. Two of the committee, Mr. House and Mr. Spalding, have not served. The former went into the army as a chaplain, and the latter begged to be excused from duty. Mr. Buttrick served the committee as chairman, and Mr. Merrick as secretary. The committee has held eight meetings. Its work has been two-fold: (1) It has endeavored to assist the Conferences to carry out the recommendation of the last General Association that the need of a weekly rest-day, especially for laboring people, be one subject for their fall meetings, and that the pastors be requested to preach at least once before the close of the year on this theme. (2) The committee has co-operated with similar committees from other religious bodies in the Commonwealth, the joint committee being known as the Weekly Rest-Day Union.

What are the results? The resolution of the Union calling upon all Christian people of the State and Nation to aim to secure for all the laboring people of the country one day of rest in seven was considered and endorsed by the following Conferences: *Andover, Berkshire North, Berkshire South, Essex North, Essex South, Hampden, Middlesex, Middlesex South, Suffolk South, and Suffolk West.* Messrs. Allbright, Buttrick, Evans, Farwell and Merrick gladly responded to calls from the Conferences to present this subject and met uniformly with hearty response.

Special mention should be made of the enthusiastic endorsement of our work by the Hampden Conference, before which Dr. Allbright spoke.

The legislation attempted by the Union has for the time failed. The legislative committee reported the bill amended, and though the amendment was unacceptable to certain labor leaders, the bill still had, in our judgment, some value; but when the measure came up in the Senate, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, Senator Hodgkins proposed amendments which utterly destroyed the bill, and the third reading was refused.

Your committee lately ascertained at the State House that the whole number of *individual* petitioners for the legislation just referred to was only 1,287. Out of 352 cities and towns in the Commonwealth, only 55 were heard from. This includes not only the record of the Congregational churches, but that of all other religious bodies also. If the Congregational churches in but 55 cities and towns in our State had been heard from, and these had mustered only 1,287 petitioners, the record would be exceedingly unsatisfactory, in view of the vote of our last State Association, and the repeated efforts of your committee to meet the Conferences and to aid them in carrying out the recommendation you adopted at Greenfield. We conclude that there is a lamentable lack of interest in this reform, but we think our expectation that Christian people should have an intelligent human interest in one another is very modest.

Last year's Committee on Labor Organizations reported a successful effort to get a legislative enactment making provision for "an investigation of Sunday labor." That report has not yet been given to the public, but it is expected to furnish new evidence of the need of a weekly rest-day.

The committee acknowledges with great satisfaction that the hearing before the committee of the Legislature, to which was referred the bill for the weekly rest-day, called out so large a number of public-spirited gentlemen, among whom were Vicar-General Byrne, of the Roman Catholic Church, and Rev. Francis E. Clark, of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and that the hearing conducted for the petitioners was spoken of by all present in the highest terms. This committee further acknowledge its great appreciation of Senator Bouvé and its gratitude to him for his solitary championship in the Legislative Committee of the weekly rest-day idea.

In view of these facts and the immense pressure now brought to bear upon workers in the industrial world, your committee has little hope in legislative remedies at present, but it believes that agitation should go on, and that wage-earners should be made constantly to feel that the Church has a vital interest in them.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE UPON MINISTERIAL STANDING.

The Committee on Ministerial Standing would report as follows: We have considered the various memorials which were referred to us upon the topic in hand. The circular letter sent by the Suffolk South Association to the sister associations of the State presents a matter calling for thoughtful and serious consideration. Its complaint is that the Congregational churches are not maintaining their former demand for a thorough preparation for the sacred office of the ministry. It also points to several causes now operating to weaken the power of those who minister in these churches, at a time when, as perhaps never before, there is a call for the largest ability, thoroughly disciplined and consecrated to the service of Christ and his kingdom. The memorials from the Hampden and Berkshire South Associations contain carefully prepared statements of the evils resulting from the fact that so many ministers and pastors are without adequate preparation for their work, and also an earnest appeal for a more carefully trained ministry. The memorial from the Brookfield Association proposes for our consideration the matter of regulating the standing of the clergy by and through the agency of the conferences of the churches. In addition to these memorials there have come to us various individual statements, and appeals having reference either to the general subject of ministerial standing or to some branch of it. Your committee have been deeply impressed with the importance of the various facts submitted to their attention. We recall with pride the history of the Congregational pulpit, its long and intense interest in all educational matters, and its continued effort by providing colleges and seminaries to make sure that the church should not lack a thoroughly educated ministry.

This high standing of ministerial education established by our fathers was loyally adhered to until the rapid extension of our country made it necessary to enlist the service of a larger number of ministers than was being prepared by our colleges and seminaries through their regular courses of study. During the period following just after the war, when the West and great Northwest were being so rapidly settled, there arose a necessity of using a large number of men for service upon the frontier who had been trained by special and abbreviated courses of study to meet the emergency. After this emergency was met there should have been a return to the former customs and ideals with reference to the education of the ministry. Unfortunately, such a return has not been made, and we have to-day a very large number of men in the charge of churches who are without a sufficient intellectual equipment; and the evils from this fact are becoming apparent in all parts of our country.

Your committee is therefore in entire accord with the memorials from

the Suffolk, Hampden, and Berkshire South Associations in their appeal for a higher standard of ministerial training.

As to the matter referred to by the Brookfield Association, we recognize the fact that the subject of ministerial standing is different from that of ministerial training, though closely related thereto; and your committee understands that it was appointed to consider especially the latter question. However, as this memorial has been referred to us, we have given to it such consideration as was possible in the brief time at our command since it was received.

The method adopted and advocated by the Brookfield Association to certify the standing of the ministry is of interest, and under other conditions, in the West, has been found to be satisfactory. We are not ready, however, to recommend its adoption, as at present advised.

Your committee would call the attention of the General Association to the rules recently adopted by the Bar Examiners of this State, with the consent of the Supreme Court, which took effect on the first of February past, as affording a method which with some modifications might prove helpful to the churches in securing the uniform and satisfactory standing of our ministers.

Your committee would recommend that this body adopt as a fit expression of its own judgment the wise and carefully considered opinion of the last National Council on the subject of ministerial training, as expressed in the resolutions appended hereto.

In conclusion we recommend that a similar committee be appointed to give further consideration to the general subject now before us.

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Resolutions of the National Council of the Congregational Churches upon Ministerial Training: —

1. That, of candidates for the Congregational ministry, all who can should take full academic training and a complete course in a theological seminary.

2. That, while recognizing the call of God to exceptional men of limited education to preach the gospel, our theological seminaries, Education Society, and churches should use increased care to maintain the intellectual and educational standard of the Christian ministry. We deem the present an appropriate time for councils, churches, conferences, and associations to make steadfast effort to elevate, and on no account to lessen, requirements for entrance upon the pastoral office.

3. That seminary curricula, while aiming at the highest intellectual and scholarly attainment, should for all students give largely increased inclusion to the practical and tactual in training.

4. That utmost care should be exercised, not only in the admission of students to seminary courses, but also in continuing them after admission, to the end of discouraging the incapable and unsuitable, and retaining only the fit.

5. That in those exceptional cases where councils or local organizations may think it wise to give recognition to men who are available for the ministry, but who are not able to enter a seminary, full ministerial standing should be withheld until the applicant shall have taken a course in theological and pastoral study.

6. That our churches should exercise much greater care in admitting to their pulpits, whether for purposes of candidacy or supply, men whose credentials as to character and standing have not been thoroughly examined and approved.

7. That, from candidates for approbation before associations and conferences, and from men of other denominations seeking admission to our body, evidence should be required of adequate training and experience, and of a reasonable familiarity with our polity; and that, in lack of these, only a limited commendation be granted, pending the prosecution of further study.

8. That ministers and churches should exercise greatest diligence in seeking to recruit the ranks of the ministry from young men of promise in their parishes, and that officers of the Education Society, boards of trust, committees of recommendation, and seminary faculties should hold to close examination and continued strict account all who make application for, and who are receiving, educational aid.

THE OBTAINMENT OF POWER BY PRAYER.

REV. R. W. WALLACE.

I feel it a privilege, brethren, to help you emphasize a little more thoroughly the thought of prayer as a sure reinforcement of the Christian's and the church's power.

So natural an element is prayer in the Christian life, that one expects it from that life as he expects a song from a canary, or a question from the lips of a child. And so essential is it to the possession of spiritual power, that we come to measure the efficiency of spiritual life by the presence in it, or absence from it, of importunate prayer. We have come to know that to hold communion with God is a practice of the soul that cannot be neglected or suppressed without the weakening or actual expiring of spiritual power. Earnest prayer and vigorous piety always consort together. Diminished or diluted prayer is a certain indication of

decadent piety. Genuine Christian life is ever lifting its eyes to those heavenly hills where are the unfailing reservoirs of grace and power.

I fear sometimes that much is being expected of the Church of the Crucified in these days, for which there is no national warrant; and by attempting to respond to such expectation she is but parting with her power. But this may be legitimately expected of her — that she will be a *praying church.* I say nothing of the forms by which she may choose to express her prayer. That may be by beautiful and elaborate ritual, or by language most simple and unadorned; but, whatever the form, it will be expected that the native speech of the church of Jesus will be the syllables of prayer.

The place, also, where Christians resort for the cultivation of their spiritual life will most naturally be called "the house of prayer." However large a place we may there give to instruction, a more important place will be given to the supplicative side of the spiritual life.

Is there not a Divine warrant for such a thought of prayer as a conspicuous element in the life of the church? In that elegantly apportioned tent of meeting that stood in the midst of Israel's tribes, and which was constructed after the pattern given in the holy mount, there was before those curtains, which human hands dare not lift but once a year, *a little golden altar.* Of all the pieces of furniture in the holy place, this altar stood nearest to the Holy of Holies. Upon it were presented day by day most fragrant spices, — stacte, onycha, galbanum, and frankincense, — whose sweet odors filled the entire house. This was to signify the daily offering of the people's prayer, the devout breathing of man's spiritual affection and desires, the soul's best and holiest aspirations towards God. And this was God's striking object lesson, that the place to which the people came to worship was to be preeminently a house of prayer.

When Solomon's temple was completed, this most gracious promise was given on the day of its dedication, a promise that must have thrilled the heart of every pious Jew, "Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place"; as if the offering of prayer in this shrine — rich with Lebanon's cedar and with Ophir's gold — was to be a conspicuous feature of the life of worship centring there.

The Divine choice of name for such a place is given us by Isaiah: "For mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." And our Lord quoted this very passage, when, in his holy indignation, he drove forth from Herod's temple what was not in keeping with the thought of the shrine of supplication.

Does not this teach us that the Christian sanctuary is not to be so much a place in which to *talk about God,* as a place in which we are to *talk with God?*

Every such sanctuary has been, to a larger or lesser degree, a point and place of prayer. There circles of God's people have talked with him about the interests of his kingdom; there myriad petitioners have appealed to him for wisdom to see the right, and for strength to do the right. And no scribe is able to foot up the value to individual or com-

munity, to home or business, to school or government, from the earnest and united pleadings of these petitioners in the house of prayer.

> "More things are wrought by prayer
> Than this world dreams of,"

is one of Tennyson's strong sentences of insight and of faith. And in this day, when it seems an easy matter to undervalue things that in themselves are peerless and priceless, we may well guard ourselves from undervaluing communion with God. Such communion makes a paradise out of what otherwise would be a desert. It makes a giant out of a soul that without it would be a dwarf. It makes a hero out of a man that apart from it would be a coward. And the place where that talk with God may be enjoyed becomes a place of peculiar sacredness, whether it be a beautiful cathedral by the storied Rhine, or a dug-out on one of our Western prairies.

I feel sure that we all credit this, — that there is a very close relation between the prayer of the church, and the obtainment of power by the church; and, as if to make this luminous to us, and save us from any posssible doubt or mistake, the Holy Spirit caused Luke to write down one incident in the life of the early church. When the apostles were threatened by the authorities, and bidden not to preach in the name of Jesus, they went to hold a season of prayer with their brethren; and it was a prayer for power. It is interesting to note that as they address the Lord, they do not use the name by which they customarily addressed him. The common name was *Kurios*, but they used the name *Despota*, — a name signifying power, and the highest power. And the answer to their prayer is very explicit: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. . . . And *with great power* gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all." Notice the order: importunate prayer, then the coming of great power. And if ever the might to overcome is to belong to the church, it will come as the church opens up the channels of prayer.

What a wonderfully inspiring as well as a pathetic incident is that in "The Men of the Moss Hags," where the little children of a Scotch hamlet are confronted by the troopers of Claverhouse, and threatened with death unless they disclose the whereabouts of their parents. But the little lads and lassies answered all the threats by singing the prayers of David, and so successful were they that the troopers drew away cursing, but disconcerted. And what did Crockett mean by his incident but this, that even little children, with God on their lips and in their hearts, were more than a match for the stoutest of dragoons?

And so, as we in our church life honor God in the breadth and fervency of our supplication, he will honor us in the fulness and generosity of his response; and we shall come to realize in blessed experience all that is meant by that significant phrase: "*The enduement of power from on high.*"

SPIRITUAL POWER APPLIED TO THE PRESS.

BY REV A. E. DUNNING.

The voice which speaks to the greatest number of people, which speaks oftenest and is most heeded, is the voice of the press. If that voice has in it the ring of the divine truth and the emphasis of the divine purpose, the people will have high aims, for they will know God; but if its prevailing tone is sordid and sceptical, the soul of the nation will shrivel, and with all its wealth and prestige it will go the way of all great nations which have forgotten God. It will take its place in the procession of the ages, behind Egypt and Babylon, and Assyria and Persia, and Greece and Rome. Each was once mistress of the world, and each is dead — of interest only to historians, antiquarians, and excavators among its long-forgotton ruins.

But while the press is the most potent factor in shaping the character of the nation, the people control the press. It seeks the most influential even before the most numerous audience, for it is conscious that if it has the ear of the leaders it will command the attention of the multitude.

The newspaper probably gains the widest hearing to-day as an aid to commercial prosperity. Allied to that are the development and extension of territory, the direction of local and general government, educational forces, the cultivation of æsthetic tastes, and the building up of great institutions to foster these aims. For all these things are exponents of enterprise, and the American people pride themselves on being foremost in enterprise.

But the greatest aid to commercial and educational enterprise is the giving to the nation of moral aims, is helping the people to think of higher things than making money. The commercial prosperity of Spain was once the greatest in the world. Where is she to-day? She stands before the word as a monument of the folly of putting material aims first, of making labor the staple of living, and amusement as its compensation. When her armies were being surrendered, and her navy sunk in the sea, and her vast colonial possessions alienated, her people were frittering away their manhood in the excitement of Sunday bullfights, and in discussing in cafés and theatres the deeds of their matadors.

Who among them read in her newspapers the handwriting which told that she was being weighed in the balance and found wanting? Who but the few despairing leaders, who found themselves in the hour of trial without the support of the people they were trying to save? And who of their leaders could find in the newspapers any adequate declaration

of the causes of their defeat, or any true statement of a remedy for their wasting disease?

The moral upbuilding of our country is the first duty of every one who loves it. The secret of power for moral upbuilding is living consciously in the presence of God. To cultivate such living is the best service to the nation and the world. Let the press cease to be the voice of men who live consciously in the presence of God, and the people will sink into weakness and shame. No wealth of resources will avail with those who do not know how to use that wealth to minister to the spiritual nature. When in the British parliament it was urged that Sunday laws should be abolished, because, unless they should be, Germany would outstrip England, since its laborers would have one more day for toil every week, then Lord Macaulay declared the great truth on which England's supremacy rests, that the superior nation would be the one which cultivates superior men; and he proved from statistics that the nation which kept the Sabbath had the men who could do the best work because they were inspired by the noblest aims.

It is because the best people of England know this, and because they are Christian patriots, that they are making so strong a fight against seven-day journalism, enlisting on their side many who are not Christians, but who are patriots with power to see where is safety and where peril lies. I believe their battle is being won while we have failed. They see that back of the school, back of the pulpit and platform, is the newspaper in the home, interpreting daily life to families, to growing children, to the people who make the nation; and they are determined that the press shall not stand before the people as so controlled by greed that it openly thrusts aside for gain one of the most essential safeguards of the manhood of the nation.

If the press does not speak for God, if it does not have in it something of the voice of God, the nation is doomed. Now, in reproducing the life of God through the press, the religious newspaper must lead. The decadence of the religious press, whether through the indifference of its readers, or through its own failure to interpret daily life in the consciousness of the presence of God, would mean the decadence of the nation. It is true that the daily paper covers much of the field formerly left to the religious weekly. But publishing religious news does n't make the press religious. The Sunday newspaper does that. It even sets the jewels of divine truth in the tawdry gossip of the theatre and the guesses of the race course and the market, and yokes the priest with the clown to draw its triumphal circus car through hours set apart for the worship of God. That does n't make the press religious.

The religious newspaper which is true to its mission sets the life of men in the light of God. It points to his providence in guiding men to their true ideals. It interprets wars and weddings, toils, triumphs, and disasters, glories and glooms, according to their use in renewing men into the image of God. Such papers the church must have. The nation must have them. Christians must demand a religious press which breathes spiritual

life. To be indifferent to it when it does not fulfil your reasonable ideals is spiritual death to yourselves and your families. To fail to support it when it strives to fulfil those ideals is to court decay.

An editor of large experience and financially successful declares that a religious newspaper in these times cannot succeed. He cites facts which seem significant to support his statement. But if I believed him, I should shrink from what then must be the future of the church and of the nation. For when the voice divine ceases to be uttered, or, if uttered, to be heard through the press, then will the temple of God in this land become an empty shell. The worth of the nation will melt away. This selfish struggle for gain and pleasure, which is growing hotter and hotter, which draws so many Christians into its remorseless swirl, will then absorb the public mind; and the unfittest will survive in a rotting Commonwealth.

Never so much as now did the church of Christ need the aid of the religious press to hold up the motives of men in the white light of God. Never were temptations more subtle, requiring keener spiritual discernment to reveal them as they are. Never were inducements to holy living so commanding as now. The mission of the religious press is to set these forth. The mind of God expressed in words which the people can understand — that is spiritual power. The Word of God recorded now by pens guided by the present Holy Spirit — that is the need of the hour.

It is for you to say whether or not the religious paper shall fill its mission worthily? It is more than ever before dependent on pastors and churches. What do you say?

It is easy to undermine the influence of the religious press in the face of its formidable rivals. It is easy to urge on its editors that if they do not advertise your personal excellencies and achievements, or further your local enterprises, or defend your favorite doctrines oftener, you will use your influence against them; or, if you do none of these things, it is easy to disclaim responsibility for the paper which represents your fellowship and work, and to take the position of being broadly fair to all papers that seek your patronage. It is easy in this way to weaken your religious paper, and to cause its spiritual power to wane.

It is easy also to pray that its utterances may be true and timely and to rejoice in its word of power. Will you do it? Will you recognize spiritual discernment in its writers, applied to all the perplexing questions and movements which are causing the awakening of the nations as they touch one another in what may be a new unity, or in what may be disastrous collision? Will you read your religious paper, introduce it into other families, follow it with your interest, and emphasize what is true in it by your own testimony?

You can make the press a spiritual power, commanding, supreme. If you will be allies with it, if you will demand that it shall declare the mind of the spirit and not surrender to the mind of the flesh, you can give tone and weight to its message and strength to its persuasions. Give it a fair field. Help it to represent the conscience, the aspiration, the wisdom and counsel of the truest friends of the nation and of the kingdom of God.

THE CONSECRATION OF WEALTH.

BY REV. WILLARD SCOTT, WORCESTER.

In accepting this topic at the suggestion of the program committee, I did so with the request that I be allowed to speak on it from the point of view of that newer feeling for Jesus, so surely and forcibly upon us and from which we are deriving so much, rather than from the standpoint of mere social controversy. For the most important social force in the world to-day, as throughout the Christian centuries, is the life of Jesus, and our relation to him, as those who are not merely saved by him from our sin, but are also directed by him into the life we ought to live in his name, and the duty we ought to do for his and his kingdom's sake. His life and work in the world were not those of a stranger and a sojourner, but of a fellow-citizen. His humanity was not a form merely, but the proper and real expression of his whole being. He did not take up humanity as a thing to live *in*, but as a thing to *live*, so that, in some sense, he may be said to have been the only person who ever really lived at all; a life lived *before* us that we might all learn how to live, quite as much as a life lived *for* us in some mediatorial and inimitable capacity which we can merely worship and adore.

On one side he is indeed transcendent, and lifts us by his enormous greatness and uniqueness, and the work he does and suffers for us alone in those secrets of nature and sacrifice into which we can never enter except through him. He is in this life's great exception, and his work far and away removed from anything we can do. Here our "highest place is lying low at his dear feet." In this he wrought for us and not with us. Redemption, in all these phases, is his gift out of hand from his Heavenly Father, which we are to receive humbly and gratefully. This side of his nature and ministry has a permanent place in the faith of the church and of our own hearts, and there is no fear that it will ever be dislodged. That Christ is all and in all, and all his works marvellous and gracious, touched with the dignity of divinity as well as with the nearness and dearness of humanity, impresses us still as in days gone by.

But together with this Jesus has plainly another side, both closely approachable and distinctly imitable by us, and one towards which our more modern feeling has been deeply awakened. That this is not so much a new faith about him as a new feeling for him is probably true. It is a new sensation rather than a new doctrine; a new touch of nearness and comradeship, an approach to one newly discovered to be lovely and loving in return, and soliciting what we can do for him as well as advertising and commending what he has done for us. Our sensibilities are more stirred than they were. We think of him more concretely and historically, and

more in the language and imagery of the gospels, filled with the atmosphere and color of that tropic land, and with those features of social, loving life which first commended him to those by whom the facts about him have come down to us. He is seen by us more as he certainly appeared long ago, with eyes and lips, gesture and vocal expression, fervent face and nerve tension of a man, filled to the brim and overflowing with love, force, and passion; not selfish or depressing, but generous, gracious, and demonstrative, reaching out to grasp and love into sympathy and response the dullest and coldest of the race. That is what moves and satisfies us in the best and greatest of men, and why not in him before whom all others are but as undeveloped children.

When, thirty years ago, Robert Browning used to walk on Sunday mornings to Bedford chapel to hear that gifted Welchman, Thomas Jones, preach, it was, as he says, that he might hear again that fervent and impetuous eloquence, that voice quivering and expanding with its message, that ever fresh accretion of poetic fact and fancy, old analogy and modern instance, till the orator would exceed his hour glass to the disappointment of nobody; to see that bright glancing manner, the thorough earnestness of sensibility quivering through that rich, flexible voice, that illumination of intellect in every expressive feature, and to hear that great liberal humanity which was preached, that sympathetic fellowship with great minds, with Tennyson, Matthew Arnold, Ruskin, and Carlyle, until the preacher seemed indeed like a younger Carlyle, sharing the same convictions, even looking like him, with those clear-cut Celtic features, lips compressed as with the retention of a discovered prize in thought or feeling, and the triumph of those eyes brimful of conviction and confidence.

If this could be possible in a mere man, until the sensitive soul of Browning revelled in it, and could not forget its power over him for twenty years, what shall we say of what Jesus must have been in his time to those who saw and heard him, from whose divinely radiant and matchless countenance gleamed the heaven-lit grandeur, the pathos, sympathy and passion, which were supreme in him alone, and whose daily life and ministries, whose nearness to man, so appealed to those who forsook all and followed him, that they went out when he was gone to put in heroic exercise that divine love and service for the world which they had learned from him. To them he was not merely a forensic redeemer of the world, atoning for its sin, but a worker in it in behalf of the new life in man he came to reveal and exemplify. They blended the messages of forgiveness through his death and holiness and brotherliness through his life, until they transformed their age and set in motion those floods of altruistic feeling and good-will which have marked the passage of the gospel round the world. This feeling is the new quality in our present religious experience, at least to the extent to which it is now carried, and the new language in which all our present social problems can be best stated. "What would Jesus say?" and "What would Jesus do?" are phrases which have had many curious recent uses, but that they are the

natural inquiries of our time it would be useless to deny, and as undesirable as useless.

Applying this, then, to the subject immediately before us, it is evident that Jesus dealt with wealth in his time, as he did with other practical questions, as it stood related to the special social work he came into the world to do. That work was to set up and furnish with suitable equipment for its ends a kingdom of heaven on earth, a society in which men should think of God as he thought of him, and regard one another with the loving and helpful appreciation he had for them, and to do these things with all their soul and mind and strength. That men should be apart from one another, estranged, misunderstood, even despised and hated, was something he could not brook. It was atheism towards God and anarchy towards man, and he set all the forces of his bountiful life at work to make these artificial distinctions disappear, and to awaken in man a warm, sympathetic, and helpful union.

In this way it was natural that his attention should fall from time to time on those passions and habits of human life which are the greatest obstacles to the realization of this ideal. He saw men standing apart from one another because there were barriers between them; things which had come down from the past through heredity of life, or through traditions and customs, even through customs in the realm of religion; things hard and unyielding which it was difficult for even the new idea of humanity, fresh and warm out of the heart of God, to overcome. How could men followship those who were beneath them socially, uncleau ceremonially, or ostracized politically, or those poor wretches whose companionship, like that of Lazarus, was only with the paupers and the dogs. It was relatively easy for them to followship him who brought the new and wonderful idea, and all classes gathered unto him, and in him had a sort of unity. They were of one another because they were of him. But it was his aim to make them vitally such. Men existed with him not only for themselves or for the few, but for the many, and anything which stood as a barrier in the way of bringing them together he set his face against.

In this way the subject of wealth became of importance to him, and to the work he was undertaking, and wherever he found it interfering, he set himself to remove it. That his words seem in this way sometimes harsh, or even fanatical in their intensity, but serves to mark how deep was his passion that nothing should make impossible what his Father had declared must be; as when he said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God"; or portrayed the startling picture of the rich man in hell denied even the cooling touch of a drop of water; or overturned the tables of the money changers in the temple and the seats of them that sold doves, and said, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise," — "a den of thieves." Men must be brought together, and be taught to live in loving and helpful unity, even if fortunes or social customs must be sacrificed sometimes to that end. So the rich young man was admonished to sell all that he had and give to the poor. So the unjust

steward was commended because he had made a judicious use of his money, even if it were ill-gotten, in binding to him a group of personal friends for a time of need. So he refused to divide the inheritance at the request of a grasping brother, who sought in this way to secure for himself a larger share of this world's goods at the expense of a member of his own family. So he condemned the rich fool, not for the fortune he had made, God's bountiful gift to industry, but because, having been blessed abundantly, he planned to enjoy it by himself, without regard to the common claims of those about him, who had a right to the Heavenly Father's blessing through him. So he declared the despised Zacchæus to be a son of Abraham, when by his voluntary renunciation of a portion of his wealth in favor of others, whom he might have wronged, he broke down the barrier of hatred which had so long separated him from them, and prepared the way for a better social understanding and sympathy. So it was good even for a man to give to him that asked of him; good not to seek to reclaim the borrowed cloak, or to take interest from him who owed him a debt, in order that the things which kept men apart might be removed, and the hostile individualism, so natural to human life, might be done away in mutual recognition and service of one another.

That this was no horizontal social law seeking to erase the natural distinctions which are ever appearing in society, and in which lie part of the very variety and blessing of life, is plain enough both on the surface and in the spirit of his teaching. He was not the poor man's friend as against the rich man, nor the rich man's friend as against the poor man, but he was man's friend wherever he found him, in luxury and in poverty alike, seeking to awaken him to a consciousness of his own better self by the knowledge that he was a child of God "who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" for it; and to bring together all these children of the Heavenly Father into a human family, which should be a kingdom of heaven on earth.

That this idea brought him strangely near to some of those phases of modern socialism which are familiar to us is perhaps not surprising. The altruistic spirit wherever found has something in common, however widely it may diverge in other directions. It is certain that in some of his utterances Jesus spoke so harshly of wealth as to give opportunity, at least for those who read his words carelessly, to quote him as being the antagonist of private property, and the promoter of a socialistic program. Without having close regard to the aim of Jesus in these utterances, it is easy to fall into the seeming alternative of being obliged to conclude, either that what he said is visionary and impracticable, or that he clearly committed himself to the position of those whose hatred of private property is their most prominent gospel. But he did neither. With him, property, as everything else, was a gift from his Heavenly Father, and to be used with an eye single to the main aim in life, the worship of God and the establishment of his kingdom in the world. Wherever it was so employed he allowed the full enjoyment and opportunity of it, as one of those bounties which make life richer and more useful. Zebedee might

keep his ships, which had helped to train such stalwart sons as James and John to be fishers of men. The centurion might remain at the head of one hundred soldiers, whom he had trained to such exemplary acts of obedience that he himself had learned the lessons of a better faith than Jesus found elsewhere in Israel. And the substance of Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, of Susanna and Mary, Nicodemus, and Joseph of Aramathea, was not condemned when it was held for the common service of the King of heaven and his kingdom on the earth.

But wherever it was so held or used that it stood in the way of the realization of that which he came especially to establish, he struck at it as one of the implacable enemies of the divine life in man. Then with him, in very truth, "it was easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Then a man must sell all that he had and give to the poor, as the price of eternal life. Then, whosoever saved his life lost it, even if he gained the whole world. Then, whosoever forsook not all that he had could not be his disciple. Then a man must follow him summarily, even though the dead only were left to bury their dead. In this, as in other things, no man could serve two masters, and in the bitter battle between God and mammon he was on the side of God, as all who followed him must be.

And in this it is quite possible to lay too much stress upon the teaching of Jesus, and too little upon his life, which exemplifies it. "What did Jesus do?" is as important a question in this connection as "What did Jesus say?", and in some respects it is easier of answer. Remembering his severe utterances on some occasions, such as I have already quoted, one might perhaps be prepared to expect him either to decline invitations to the homes of the rich, or to make them occasions for strenuous preaching on this subject. But he did nothing of the kind. To him, the courtesies of the wealthy extended towards himself and his disciples were part of that brotherhood of sympathy and comradeship which it was his ministry to recognize and further. At the same time the hospitality of the poor was as welcome to him. He knew no one situation, but all, and by this brought into view that enthusiasm for humanity which was in his day the surest evidence of the divine life in him, submerging differences and making them to disappear, and bringing into light those brotherly unities of life, of which others were so insensible. In this way his life is to us a living exponent of his teaching, and a sort of blending point between many of his utterances on this subject, composing their seeming dissonance into sweetest harmony.

And in a still wider sense his life is an important example for all whose station or fortune place them before the public as members of the so-called privileged classes. For, in his eternal relations with his father, "though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor that we through his poverty might be rich." The doctrine of the Kenosis, as it is called, is one of the most humbling and admonishing of the Scriptures. This "emptying" of Jesus for the sake of the world, together with his persistent doctrine that he who saves his life shall lose it, makes a twofold appeal to all who have privileges in the world to follow in his steps.

That the early church, which grew out of this teaching and the faith of his followers in him, did not misunderstand his meaning is plain upon the most casual reading. The early chapters of the book of Acts are not a story of legislative compulsion but of moral enthusiam, in which all are touched alike by his spirit, but respond as they are personally inclined. They give or do not give, as they feel it a privilege to do, or as they are able. What is dominant in the story is their joy and unity. The melting and welding fires of divine life, as manifested in Jesus, had blended them together, however isolated or suspicious they may have been before. They were all of one mind and one heart in the Lord. And out of gratitude for this, it was their pleasure, as it was also their duty, to make contribution for the wants of the needy according to their ability.

To call that a phase of socialism, as stated in our modern day, is to misunderstand both the story of the early church and the claims of that modern movement which seeks to trace its origin to this early incident. But the two things are far apart. One deals with an ideal life, the other with a method of living. One is a passion, the other a program. Whether competition or co-operation be the method most in accordance with the nature of man, and so best calculated to bring forth the best results for all, is one of those questions which Jesus did not discuss, and upon which, in the very nature of things, there must be allowed a Christian difference in opinion. In this we are seeking light, as human society gradually unfolds and comes to better knowledge of itself, rather than standing in the light of a revelation which has decided it out of hand for us. It is part of the zest of living that its methods are learned by growth, and that we come to our inheritance by progressive experience. Something in the very nature of things must be left to the age in which one lives, and to the gradual development of man. God has not taken out of life the element of experiment, but has contented himself with setting before us the ends of living, with certain powerful motives for attempting them.

That each one should be allowed a large personal liberty in the manner in which he undertakes this would seem the most natural of all liberties; for to seek to constrain another in his attempt to follow his master according to his own conscience and judgment, would be both impertinent and unchristian. At the same time, that the world is justified in requiring adequate public evidences of such an attempt on the part of the prosperous is equally definite. As Professor Peabody has said, "The use of the phrase, '*better classes*,' ought either to be dropped or deserved, and the latter is more desirable."

How that brotherly love of all men should exhibit itself is part of the eternal controversy which is ever going on, and always under new conditions. And how deeply we all need the Divine wisdom and guidance in this endeavor to serve our loftiest ideals by the suitable obedience of all our powers and possessions, no one knows better than those to whom God has given much. Wealth tends powerfully to the independence of the individual and his isolation from others, especially from those who

are not immediately congenial. The poor plainly need one another and respond readily to their frequent demands; but the rich are removed from the necessities which become the fraternal bonds of those less endowed, and tend to withdraw within their comforts, like the rich man who had much goods laid up for many years. As Shailer Mathews says, "It is a simple matter of observation that instead of increasing a man's social sympathies, the struggle for fortune too often makes him selfish and unsocial, in that it breaks down those ties which the poor man feels binding him to other men. In the same proportion as the semblance of independence increases is there danger that a man will forget that he is an integral part of society, and that he can be truly a man only as he is dependent upon God and in sympathy with his fellows." And, in a deeper sense than we know, it is probably true that a man's Christian character is defined by his faithfulness or unfaithfulness in this direction; for if a man be unfaithful as a Christian in money matters, it is plain that Jesus regards him as unworthy of confidence in affairs of greater importance, as he says, "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

And strangely enough, yet not so strange when the deeper meaning of the world as a moral whole is considered, all that we have been saying may be reversed, and stated in the language of selfishness quite as well as in that of Christian altruism. St. Edmund of Canterbury, in one of his startling mediæval sentences, lays down the significant belief that "the rich can be saved only by the poor, since the poor are they of whom it is said that theirs is the kingdom of heaven, and only through them can the rich enter it." However strange this sentiment may seem to us now as a bit of biblical exegesis, yet it has often proved itself to be real and true, as a piece of moral experience. The rich need the poor quite as much as the poor the rich. Surely it is not sentiment for Jesus which leads the ancient Roman, Marcus Aurelius, to say, "Whatever act of thine has no reference to a social end, tears asunder thy life, and is of the nature of a mutiny"; or the modern pessimist, Nordeau, to add, "As you are a part of humanity, its prosperity is your prosperity, — its sufferings your sufferings. If you do that which is good for humanity, you do good for yourself; but if you do that which is injurious, you inflict an injury upon yourself. A flourishing humanity is your paradise; a decaying humanity, your hell." Things in this world are of a piece, and the sooner we learn it the better for us all. Life is infinitely valuable, and is nowhere perfected but in society, and he who "consumes for his own use what was bestowed upon him in trust for others, is guilty of moral embezzlement."

However we look at it, the problem of wealth is one of deep seriousness and calls for a corresponding consecration, for upon it rests more heavily than we think the present welfare of society. How can the world in our time, or in any time, be run without it? "More consecrated money" is the daily cry of every moral cause on the face of the earth, while for the best things it often seems hardest to get it. For investments which produce dividends in coin, money is looking everywhere and at

almost any rate of interest — six per cent, five per cent, three per cent, two and one half per cent, or mere security in some heavy barred and locked vault; but for investments which produce dividends only in character and communal good, the things for which Jesus gave his life utterly, there are few inquiries. Yet in this direction thoughtlessness or delinquency are freighted with heavy penalties, unless the message of Jesus to men of wealth is without authority, and all the motives we have been considering are meaningless.

But "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind," for

> "Right is right, since God is God,
> And right the day must win;
> To doubt would be disloyalty,
> To falter would be sin."

An age of deeper consciousness is awaking upon us, a consciousness fed by a new and fresher study of the teaching of Jesus, and a new enthusiasm for his life. The return to him in our time is of unmistakable significance and importance, and bids fair to bestir again those eternal human fellowships which have ever extended themselves in loving sympathy and the helping hand. And while all the programs presented for the betterment of society in our time are not of our choosing, or such as we are likely to indorse, yet they are far better than indifference, and all of them symptoms of a wide-spread uprising of interest in those ideals which Jesus brought to the world so long ago, and for which he gave himself a sacrifice. Though, looking about at the selfishness still in the world, against which he hurled himself to his death, it seems a long way to the goal he pointed out as the golden age of man, yet looking in the other direction, to the state of society he encountered, with its bloody hate and cruelty, it is a long way also that we have come towards his prayers and hope for man. And that we are thoughtful of these things is a good omen for the future, for, as Mr. Lecky says in his "History of Rationalism in Europe," "Upon the intensity of the spirit of self-sacrifice depends the moral elevation of an age, and upon its course the riches of the world."

THE APPLICATION OF THE POWER OF THE CHURCH.

(2.) In the Mitigation of Poverty.

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It is important in the discussion of the particular phase of our general subject which is assigned to me, that first of all we seek a basis of clear definitions.

Christianity, for my purpose this evening, is sufficiently defined as the influence of Jesus in the world. This influence is the result of his personal life and his authoritative teaching. Divine personality and eternal truth combine to produce the influence of Jesus, which is the true Christianity of our time. And this both historically and potentially is the radical, reformative force of the world.

The church as an organization is the medium through which Christianity most effectively manifests itself. Whether this be true of the existing church I will not consider, but an energized church, as set forth in preceding discussion, is certainly the best medium for the manifestation of the influence of Christ.

Poverty is "involuntary and blameless dependence." It is sharply distinguished from pauperism, in which the element of voluntariness is always prominent. Poverty, then, is an opportunity for the church; pauperism is always a menace to it. The church in applying its power to the mitigation of poverty is exposed to the peril of promoting pauperism, — a curse of modern society. Pauperism deserves no sympathetic attention from the church looking to its relief; only such study and acquaintance as are necessary for its resistance and overthrow. Poverty, on the other hand, when viewed in its causes, arouses the keenest interest among those who have the spirit of Christ, and who bow obediently to his great commission and constantly strive to imitate the divine Master.

The causes of poverty are easily divisible into two classes, — individual and social; those which indicate personal limitations, and those which operate because of the defects and abuses of the social order as it exists.

There are many whose inadequate physical and intellectual equipment unfits them for the struggle of life. They are incapacitated for the heroic tasks required for their successful survival. I find children whose entrance upon life is attended by such disadvantages as preclude the possibility of a winning battle; the comfortable maintenance of themselves is an impossibility. There are others upon whom misfortunes have fallen until they are not able to resist the currents they have to meet, cannot

surmount the obstacles which rise between them and success. These may be termed "personal limitations," whose effect is to beget blameless dependence.

But there is also a social disorder against which, for a long time, protests have been made, and which seriously affects the conditions and circumstances of life. The lack of employment, and the decrease of earnings, enforced idleness in later life, — these, not to mention other causes, are facts of modern social order which make inevitable a widespread involuntary and blameless dependence. But whatever the causes, they are always such as to make a strong appeal to one who strives to walk in Christianity's steps. He certainly fails to appreciate the genius of Christianity and to respond to the high purpose and motive of its divine founder, who questions for an instant the general proposition, that it is the duty of the church to minister in a special way and in a most generous spirit to this class in their distress.

The moments which are mine this evening would be squandered, were I to delay to enforce this fact by argument. By precept, parable, and constant example the Master set forth this duty. The church of Christ will be diligent in obeying.

There are clearly two parts to our work, — relief and repression; the poor are to be ministered unto, and the causes are to be checked in their operation. The first is the simpler, and many seem to feel that the power of the church has pretty nearly exhausted itself when it has been diligent in relieving distress. Surely we cannot leave the other undone. The church must erect a barrier against those social influences and tendencies which are so injuriously affecting multitudes, robbing the individual of the right to realize his own highest worth. For us the question of prime importance is, How can this be accomplished? I have no new scheme to exploit. We have had so many urged upon our attention, that we have failed to give any a fair and adequate trial.

I am convinced that the gospel of Christ is potent for both the functions I have indicated, if only it be correctly apprehended and vigorously applied. I am further persuaded that the church of Christ is fitted to so apprehend and apply the gospel. Hence the little which I desire to contribute to the discussion of this question to-night is suggested by the three words, — atmosphere, temperature, and association.

By addressing itself to the tasks thus indicated the church may effectively apply its power in mitigation of the poverty which exists.

There is a subtle something which is appropriately described as the atmosphere of a church. We are all acquainted with this in individuals. It is the strange something which we call "magnetic influence." There must be something corresponding to this in church life. Its influence is often greater than can be explained by its beliefs or its methods; a power obtained by meditation, prayer, consecration, and self-sacrifice as has been brought out in this discussion will be too subtle for analysis, but will be pervasive and potential. The Spirit by which the church is energized, the truth of which it is the custodian, and the nature of its

deepest life, all unite to create an atmosphere calculated to refresh and stimulate the weary in the world.

When the atmosphere of brotherhood, which is the natural product of the Christian conception of man, obtains, its presence will be felt beyond the limits of the church; its influence like a bunch of violets will be larger than its bulk. You remember that beside the way along which Peter walked the sufferers were placed, if so be the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. If we are vitally joined to Christ, the church will be similarly helpful to the depressed and the distressed everywhere. Results will be accomplished because of what we are, as well as because of what we do. There is a thunder tone to silent fidelity.

The master force of personality we are just beginning to understand. The presence of a pure and noble personality sometimes changes the climate and character of a neighborhood. Without the proclamation of a new truth, or the enforcement of a new principle, life is made brighter. It must be that in the church a sort of corporate personality is possible, the very presence of which in the midst of poverty will greatly relieve its pressure and weight. I am likewise persuaded that much attention should be given to the temperature of the church as well as to its atmosphere.

The church to-day is eager to crown intellect. This makes apt the statement by an incisive thinker, "brain counts for a good deal more to-day than heart does." But heart suggests the warm and glowing centre of life. Hence the same writer adds, "In the old days of the church a sermon used to convert three thousand men; now that temperature is down, it takes three thousand sermons to convert a man."

It is only as a higher temperature pervades the church that it can do much to mitigate the misfortunes of poverty.

If conditions are to be changed, then there is demanded a higher temperature in the church before these can be successfully assailed. Great reforms have always been the product of great passions and enthusiasms.

Great movements may be conceived by great minds, but they are achieved when great hearts are added. There may be nothing in St. Paul's cathedral which was not first in the mind of Sir Christopher Wren, but St. Paul's crowned Ludgate Hill when the heart of the English people was fired with a new devotion.

In addition to great thinkers the church must have great lovers before it can obey either of the two great laws which Jesus enunciated. Errors may be sorted out and straightened out by a cool intellectual process, but great abuses and great misfortunes can be relieved only as heart emits the warmth of a sincere and Christlike sympathy.

It is not the contents but the overflow of a soul which helps the world. When the temperature of the church is so high that its life bursts forth, this very fact is an effective mitigation of the poverty of the world. Culture has its own high mission, but the church that would accomplish what I am selected to urge this evening must add to culture warmth. It is this conviction laying hold of the cultured which has given the

college and social settlement, and those forms of church action which are calculated to relieve distress, and repress the causes of it. There are dark hours when the light of great truths is unnoticed; then only the warmth of a Christian heart can be felt.

To only one more means for mitigating, etc., will I point, viz.: association. The church gives much, but it always gives too little unless it gives itself. The Christian man who opens wide his purse, gives less than he should unless he gives some of himself with it. The century in whose twilight we are living has disclosed many things to us. Among its great discoveries is the importance of companionship in relieving and elevating the poor. The friendly visitor is a greater blessing than the charity almoner. The good Samaritan gave the sufferer his own place on the beast, took him to his heart, remembered him after he left. Not his gift, but his touch, blessed that man. To help the poor at arms' length is the great folly to which the church has too often given itself. The church must so get beside the poor, that the poor will appreciate the privilege of association, before it can either lift or shield them.

Patronage of the poor, or taking up, as the latest fad, service in poorer districts, — these methods will hurt even when they help. But that spirit which vicariously takes a poor man's burden upon itself is "charity of a merciful order" which is twice blessed, — blessing him that gives and him that receives.

But all I have said may be summed up in the statement, before the church can adequately represent Christ among the poor of the world, it must find Christ for itself. To paraphrase the words of another, "The church must be gospelized." When a deep passion for Christ sways the church, the atmosphere, temperature, and welcome will be such that poverty will find its redemption in the ministry of the bride of Christ.

WHAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OWES TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

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The beginning of a new century is always a suggestive point in the flight of time and may appropriately be made the subject of reflection upon the new relations which the institutions of the passing century will sustain to the thought and life of the new. One of the permanent features of human life is the fact of religion and worship. Christianity as the survival of the fittest in religion may be expected to persist and be carried over into the new century, and with it, its representative institution, namely, the Christian church. The twentieth century will certainly have a Christian church. Whether it is the Christian church which the past centuries have known or not will depend upon the forms of thought which shall become supreme, upon the wider outlook which shall come to the human mind, and upon the attitude which the church itself shall take toward the

impending problems of twentieth century civilization. The new century will owe much to the church of Jesus Christ. But the church will also owe much to the new century. Unless all the signs about us are utterly without significance, the twentieth century man will live a life more strenuous by far than that of any generation which has preceded his own. He will face a problem of life inherently more complex and presenting subjects for action and decision which will call for larger resources of mind and heart and spirit, not to say physical endurance, than have yet been demanded of men in the battle of life. Life has never been child's play in any age of the world. But the world has always been large and there has always been room enough on the earth hitherto, and possibility for exploitation for the daring and restless minds of every age. That period is now over. The world must finally settle down to its last and greatest problem, namely, that of living successfully with itself. With enormous territory, with boundless areas for personal self expression and development, man has always been able to create his own peculiar type of life and growth, if that in which he found himself did not please him. Such possibilities are gone forever. He may not now leave the society of his fellows. His problem is to live with them.

Moral intensity develops inversely to the distance between the subjects of moral action. When men are few and distances are long, the moral tension is not great. But when they are forced into small areas and into close personal dependence, man upon man, the intensity of the moral problem increases in a surprising ratio. What yesterday was no moral question at all is to-day a moral crisis. What yesterday was remote and subordinate, is to-day capital and vital. What last night was the theme for lazy contemplation or academic discussion, is to-day a practical, imperative calling for immediate action. The twentieth century will be a century in which the moral relations of men will be more intense than they have ever been before. Their social relations will receive an emphasis the extent of which is not even dreamed of at this day. Individualism will be as completely laid aside as the principles of the feudal system. It will be preëminently a social century. It will be a hundred years' crisis in the history of the race. It will reveal the value of a single human life as that value has never been comprehended before. It will, therefore, have a claim upon the spiritualizing agencies of the world such as no generation has ever yet been able to establish. The twentieth century, therefore, will, by its very nature, place the forces that represent the gospel of Jesus Christ at the very outset under an enormous debt. Two things always produce great responsibility. One is great opportunity. The other is great necessity. Either by itself constitutes an inalienable claim to immediate attention. But united together as they will be in the twentieth century, there will be an appeal so commanding, as well as so pathetic and pitiful, that no man calling himself a disciple of Jesus Christ, but must stand in his place and render not merely good service, but the most appropriate and the most capable service which he is able to render in the moral and spiritual redemption of the world. Into such a debt the church of

Jesus Christ comes with the opening years of the new century. It is not a question of theories and of adornments. It is a question of life itself. The church must give life or disappear.

What then will the church of Jesus Christ owe to the twentieth century?

It is a brave man who would venture to predict upon the brink of a volcano. No man can measure the sweep of a tidal wave. But even volcanoes and tidal waves have their operative laws, some of which we may comprehend. God is mightier than the volcano or the tide. Truth is greater than discussions about truth. "Unter der Hülle aller religionen liegt die Religion selbst." Searching then for those elementary underlying principles of our gospel and applying them to the known facts of human life and the rule and history of human development, some things may be laid down as of an eternal and undying nature. The twentieth century will tolerate no temporalities. It will demand and will receive only the eternities. Let us say, then, first of all, the church of Jesus Christ will owe to the twentieth century a theology as catholic as truth and a religion as inclusive as the New Testament. Unless we are greatly in error the new century will not inquire, Is it orthodox? but, Is it true? Of all pioneers and searchers for new light it will not care whether they are heretics, only whether they are honest men. It will have no time to split hairs about ecclesiastical problems to small profit. It will cease to give dignity to mere objectors in the name of tradition, and ask only whether a doctrine can be practised in life. It will demand catholicity and will have it. It will batter down all who stand in the way of an inclusive and New Testament breadth of Christian living and Christian thought. It will demand a catholic theology from the Protestant church or it will seek a Catholic church without a protestant theology. It will require truth from the lips of the preacher and truth in the life of the pew. It will take less account of statistical tables and more account of vitality in service and sacrifice. It will recognize that there can be no genuine relationship between an obsolete creed and a creative life. But it will be equally intolerant of theological novelties at the expense of practical discipline and efficiency. Its great concern will be first and last and always, Is it life?

Truthfulness will be elevated again into its rightful place as the cardinal virtue of human life. And because of its love of what is true, a love begotten not less from practical necessity than from intellectual emancipation and enlightenment, it will demand of protestant theology that it have the qualities of all truth, clearness, simplicity, and strength. It will not be satisfied with orotund ambiguities. It will not accept the dictum that a man's theology cannot be taught to a child. It will hold the moral universe and the moral problem one. It will ask only what is true for all and base its life upon the catholic doctrines which truths of universal application suggest. The only heresy will be sin. The only orthodoxy will be righteousness. The only qualification for theological acceptance will be catholicity and the qualities which catholicity implies, — clearness, simplicity, strength. Allied to such a theology it will demand and will

receive only a religion which is as inclusive as the New Testament. It will hold to the words of Jesus Christ against all the councils of Christendom. It will hold to Jesus Christ if it has to reject the church which bears his name. Such a theology and such a religion the church owes to the new century and must give it. It is a debt which has been bequeathed to us from our Lord himself. It is a debt which we have been often unwilling to assume and acknowledge to ourselves and the world. But when we have met it squarely and acknowledged it honestly, we have been the kings and princes of the earth. The church must go into the new century as St. Paul went into the gentile world, a debtor. She must rejoice to be the offscouring of the world for the sons of men. She must be willing to be all things to all men that by all means she may save some. If she must change her garments thrice daily and thrice daily change the form of her speech and the language of her message, she must change them all willingly for Christ's sake. The church is the assembly of just men endeavoring to become perfect by ministering in Christ's name. She must have a place for every man with the spirit of Christ. Anathema and fire from heaven are not of her armament.

Then again the church will owe to the twentieth century a genuine expression of the democracy of the gospel of Jesus Christ and a polity which expresses religiously the democracy which it will assert politically. The new century will see that the interpretation of the doctrine of the separation of church and state, as meaning the divorce of religion and political institutions, is as subversive of truth as it is destructive of morals. The twentieth century will tolerate permanently no union of any church with any state. But it will see and will give expression to its belief of the truth that to divorce religion from the political life of the people is to create a chasm which makes a spherical gospel life impossible and therefore will demand the restoration of religious ideals into the political life of the nations. It will hold no such folly as the doctrine that the moral life of a candidate for public office is not a proper subject of discussion or a proper measure of qualification. On the contrary, it will see that the moral question is eternally first. It will believe in principles, but it will believe in men more than in principles. Life being its criterion it will inquire of its political rulers first of all as to their qualifications for living with men and afterward as to their abilities for ruling them. It will hold that a bad man cannot be a good ruler. It will hold that a good ruler cannot be a bad man. Qualifications for political preferment will be based upon character as the first personal equipment. It will demand this in the interest of a genuine and real democracy. It will require it in the interest of self-preservation. It will emphasize it as a maxim of political wisdom and enforce it as a decree of statutory prudence. It will look to the church of Jesus Christ to instruct and inspire the people in this type of the religious ideal that the entry of religious thought into the sphere of state operations may not reveal moral anarchy in the affairs of government. Asserting the doctrine of absolute democracy in all else, it will demand moral democracy the more.

Whatever the form of its polity in its practical operation, the twentieth century church must be as democratic as the gospel itself. It must be as cosmopolitan as the Pentecostal assembly. It must have room for every man of every condition, and have the principles of brotherhood and equality recognized by all alike. It must teach men to practise in the church the modes of approach with which they are to come to the remaining activities of life. There will be place in the new century's activities for but one method of life. And the assertion of the sovereignty of Jesus Christ must be not over any single part of life but over every part of life. The church must again be the nursery of the state. It must raise up the heroes of the new social conflicts which the increasing difficulties of a more involved social order will bring. With a theology that is clear and unambiguous, and with a religious life that is tolerant and inclusive, though not therefore lax and subjunctive, it must have as well a fluid mode of action, a polity which admits of speedy decision, of prompt appeal to public sentiment and life, and quick mobilization in the interest of moral renovation and advance. Whatever the church polity of the twentieth century is called its practical operation will be congregational. Its coördinating clause will be the maxim of St. Paul, "One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." Constitutional precedents and interpreting decrees will be read and acted upon in the light of this view of the church, not this view made to fit constitutional decrees and the mandates of general assemblies. And congregationalism will mean in that century not a nominal but a real democracy in every church. It will not mean a denomination by that name. It will not mean a principle frequently asserted but as frequently made inoperative and void. It will mean, as it ought to mean, the brotherhood of the New Testament reproduced under the conditions of modern life, without fictitious excuses for its practical nullification and no tolerance for real or pseudo departures in the direction of sacerdotalism or episcopacy.

In a word, the church will owe to the twentieth century a presentation of the whole life and message of Jesus Christ unhindered by worldliness and unhampered by selfishness. It must bring to the new era into which mankind is coming the same motives which Christ himself brought to the first men who became his followers and representatives to the Roman world. It must appeal to high-heartedness and lofty courage. It must not be afraid to require sacrifices of the costliest and most penetrating character. It must not be satisfied with partial measures of spiritual inquiry or spiritual living. It must scorn expedients in the interest of ultimate truth. It must hate error more than it hates irregularity. It must recognize the prophetic nature of Christ's gospel as well as his priestly sacrifice. It must cleave to what is of good report. It must be continually breaking into the life of men and irradiating their whole existence with the principles of the Incomparable Life. But it must purge itself of hypocrisies whether intellectual or theological or spiritual. It must remember that its warfare is not carnal. It must recall that its instruments are the Holy Ghost and Fire. Light and cleansing within will

give increased influence and power without. It must supply the imagination with materials for a heroism which will outshine the charges of the battlefield or the splendor of naval glories on the high seas. It must invite to deeds of spiritual daring which will awaken in the souls of men the reverberation of the Sinaitic law and at the same time appeal with such unutterable pathos as will melt the hearts of men into obedience and love. Of truth and of life the twentieth century has a right to expect of us a Church of the New Testament and of Jesus Christ.

WHAT THE TWENTIETH CENTURY OWES TO THE CHURCH.

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This paper is an attempt to name some of the elements contributed by the church to the great inheritance which the nineteenth century is about to make over to the twentieth. It lies at once beyond the province and the power of the speaker to assay any analysis of this inheritance, or to indicate even remotely the rich and varied splendor of its content. It is enough to say that this century is about to give into the keeping of the next, the garnerings of time, and the hoarded sum of all that is enduring in human achievement; and that, furthermore, this inheritance has not suffered at the hands of those who have been for one hundred years its stewards. The goods which the fathers received are being passed on, not only undiminished, but marvellously increased and enlarged. The lights of the century have been crescent and prophetic. Their promise is larger than our largest hope, and vast beyond our dreams.

In the attempt to come upon the elements due to the church in this increase and enlargement of human good, the very breadth of the subject demands definition. The temptation is either to exaggerate or else to underestimate the church's service. It goes without saying that there have been large gains which, if they are to be traced back to the church at all, still lie so far removed from her, that the attempt to connect them would be forced. On the other hand, it would be equally unjust to narrow the service of the church to her organic actions and utterances. The real service of the church often reaches a long way beyond her frontiers, and has more than once flatly contradicted her official teaching. Two generations ago, for example, the church was creating a body of sentiment destined to overthrow slavery, while many of her leaders were marshalling Moses and patriarchs in defence of that very peculiar institution. The church to-day is, by virtue of her gospel, creating a body of sentiment likely to seriously modify existing conditions, while ministers and laymen who hail the present order as the very foundation stone of the kingdom are not far to seek. Clearly, the service of the church is to be measured by the logical outcome of her gospel and the fruition of her informing spirit, not by the resolutions of councils or the passing utterances of preachers.

These are the tests by which the five or six constituent elements here submitted as the contribution of the church to the civilization of the coming century have been tried. They are the logical outcome of the gospel which the church has been preaching, and the fruition of her informing spirit. If they are not the contribution of the church, I, for one, do not know their genesis. When one adds that it is not only now possible to indicate pretty definitely the constituent elements of the coming civilization, but even proper to speak of them in the present tense, one has said enough by way of introduction.

The twentieth century owes to the church, to begin with, *the constant and saving renewal of the springs of character and action.* Apart from any single application of the gospel which she preaches, or any distinct fruition of her informing spirit, the first great service of the church has been the spiritual renewal, the regeneration, if you want the old word, of men's souls. From these renewed souls, the renewed social order has been always flowing and always must flow. There is no short cut to the kingdom. There is no social redemption apart from the redemption of the individual. If strong, clean tides of life are passing from this century into the next, it is because the church, as mediator of the power of God, has constantly made for their purification and enlargement. The home has been kept pure, business just and honest, politics clean and God-fearing, society loving and fraternal, and the whole range of life bettered and redeemed because generations of men and women, whose own regenerate life has brought renewal to all which they touched, have been constantly going out from the church. It is as impossible to overestimate as it is to follow into its final manifestations this basal of service of the church, rendered through the regenerate lives of men and women. It is wrought into the very fabric of society and has become a vital part of its constitution.

Again, and more definitely, the twentieth century owes to the church *its sense of the reality and permanence of the spiritual.* When the deeper movements of our time so disclose themselves as to make generalization possible, I venture to affirm that on the side of the spirit, the struggle will be seen to have centred about the spirit's right to be. The minor strife as to creed and inspiration which has so exercised us will not prove to have been so vital as we think. We are like men on shipboard, who, though perfectly agreed as to course and harbor, have had words about small details of the chart, affecting in nowise its authority, while there were beneath them great tidal movements which threatened to draw the very sea from under their keel. We have been disputing about the minutiæ of revelation and the methods of the spirit, when at times the great question has been whether there was anything to be revealed or any spirit to reveal it. For thirty years after the publication of "Origin of Species," the movements of science were without a parallel. There was no domain into which they did not push and, for a time, possess, almost without challenge, certainly without effectual resistance. Hypothesis was piled upon hypothesis, each making for the more complete extinction of the spiritual, until there was apparently left neither in heaven or earth any cleft into which it might

withdraw for safety. If faith were not in complete eclipse, the chill penumbra of doubt fell across life and conduct and numbed where it did not slay. Materialism dominated large areas of political and industrial activity, and with subtle and hurtful touch weakened the inner springs of life.

Now, all this is largely past. It is not too much to say that the whole frontage of present day thought is toward the spiritual. Science is come so near to parting the veil behind which the Shekinah abides that we may not look upon her revelation with unveiled eyes. Laboratories are holy places. The generalizations of great thinkers are bulletins of spiritual victory. We are no longer seeking gaps in the order of things where God may hide. We see him everywhere, and know the whole order as his revelation, instinct with the immanent power of the divine. The question as to the reality and permanance of the spiritual is settled once and for all, and this the twentieth century owes the church. Not because the church has beaten science or philosophy upon their own fields or with their own weapons. No; the church has won, not as protagonist, but as witness. She has borne unshaken testimony during troubled times to the reality of a realm into which even a wayfaring man may enter, and which once entered is its own best witness. She has spoken to those deep inner verities which, like Lazarus, have heard her voice even in those chambers which we sorrowfully supposed to be the chambers of death, and, like Lazarus, have come forth. Her broken visions have disclosed realities which would not be disturbed. She has proved her right to be; not by logic or demonstration, but by direct appeal to the spiritual consciousness. She has saved the spiritual from the suicide of confessed defeat. In the person of her Lord, Jesus Christ, she has offered this generation the one way plain enough for a child to find it; real enough to endure the searching criticism of an age of doubt; and high enough in its furthest reaches to lift the aspiring soul into the realm of the eternal, and the fellowship of the divine. In all this she has had puissant allies; but, nevertheless, had the voices of the church been utterly stilled for the last forty years, materialism, one may safely say, would have had its own way; and the consciousness of the spiritual would be so sorely wounded as to count for next to nothing in the lives of the next century.

The twentieth century owes to the church *the social conscience.* No conviction is more likely to be grounded in the ethic of the new time than the conviction of a man's duty to his brother. We are thoroughly persuaded of two things: Of the power which society has in the making of a man, and of the responsibility which rests upon us in the administration of that power. We are coming to see that the babe born of stained and distorted lives, into stained and distorted surroundings, is not God's malformation, but ours; that a bulk of sin too large to be complacently faced is social sin; that a vast deal of evil is not a speculative mystery, but a social crime; that when throngs of our fellowmen are hailed before the judgment bar of God, we shall be co-respondents; that society can be nothing if not redemptive, and that our duty is not done until a way is opened from the feet of the man at the bottom clean up to the topmost

heights of human possibility, and the strong, loving, brotherly arm of society thrown about him to help him climb there.

These convictions, I say, are coming to be so grounded in every man's ethics as to definitely color his conception of duty. Taken together, they constitute the social conscience. Morality is widened to the compass of human fellowship, and deepened to the need of the man at the bottom. *Laisser faire* as an ethical principle is dead and buried, and the great word of St. Paul's, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ," is taking its place as the law of right living together.

It is impossible to forecast the revolution which the social conscience is destined to work. We have hints of it now. It is rebuilding our cities; emptying the slums; knocking warningly at the door of rich, intrenched selfishness; and putting on the whole armor of God, in the fight of what has been from of old the sin of Cain, the attempt to reach any sort of preferment over the slain bodies of our brethren. And this is only the beginning. The social conscience will not rest until the whole social order is charged with redemptive power, and instinct with fraternal love; until we measure the worth of every institution by its ability to turn out men, and state the final output of industry in terms not of stuff but of character.

Now the social conscience is the contribution of the church. It is rooted in the spiritual. It is based upon the essential worth of the human soul. Its methods are the methods of love and co-operation, which are the informing spirit of the church. Its motive power is that sacrificial love upon which, as upon a rock, the church is built. It is the very essence of Christianity, and its place in the coming order is due to the increased clearness with which the church has latterly come to see the full significance of the trust committed to her keeping.

The twentieth century owes to the church, in large part, *the growing sense of human solidarity.* The world is getting all of a piece. The concerns of each nation are coming to be the concerns of all. We tremble at the same touch. We are served by a common knowledge. We are swayed by common ideas, and tend increasingly toward a common goal. A multitude of influences, direct and indirect, are bringing all this to pass.

But the one element in which all these mutual approaches are to find their perfect fusion is a Christian civilization set upon principles which the church declares, and animated by the spirit of which the church is the mediator. The twentieth century is bound to see a fellowship of the nations, out of which shall spring a marvellously varied and enriched civilization, and in the face of which armies shall melt away and navies become the white carriers of peace. It is monstrous that the nations should bristle with hostile arms. It is monstrous that war should always be the alternative. The atmosphere of jealous distrust, which poisons the whole field of international relationship, is hateful and hideous. Already forces are set going which bear within themselves the hope of a better day. No matter how slow and grudging and suspicious the response, the word of peace, which has lately been spoken by the Russian Czar, will

become the word of humanity, because it has within it the impulse of brotherhood, and because the growing sense of human solidarity is fighting for it. They have much to answer for who, in these days, tell us that there can be no peace which does not rest upon shotted guns, and no strenuous life which does not redden its hands in brothers' blood. They are false to the teachings of Jesus Christ. They are impotently hostile to the swelling tides of God. A volcano is a long time dying, and I know not what red eruption, hot from the nether fires, shall still burst from the uneasy volcano of war, but I do know that the eruptions are farther and farther apart; that some day the last hate-begotten impulse shall have spent itself, and the star of Bethlehem be shining down upon the quiet summit now touched forever with the white glory of lasting peace.

The twentieth century owes to the church *whatever real transference of a higher civilization has been accomplished.* Our effort is marked by an extension of Western civilization accomplished by arms, by trade, or by missions. It is too soon to say any final word about the attempt to impose occidental civilization upon the orient, but it is possible to say, without much fear of contradiction, that in so far as any real transference has been accomplished, Christian missions, in a large sense, have been the means, and that for a vital reason. Our civilization is the fruitage of a Christianized soil. It is not an imposition; it is an evolution. Its organization is only the expression of its indwelling life. It is the unfolding of the spirit of Jesus Christ, working through the individual and through society, and it can only really be transferred by the transference of the life from which it springs. Every transference otherwise gained is transient and delusive, and will pass with the authority which dreams that men can be civilized by the sword and Christianized by even the justest administration. We have yet to learn that only those civilizations endure which spring from a quickened Christianized life, and are left largely free to find their own organic form. I doubt whether the service of the missionary in creating the elemental condition of a Christianized civilization has been duly emphasized. In our new-gained ardor for the extension of American civilization, we are in sore danger of forgetting this first condition of the enduring transfer of any civilization. The redemption of the Philippines is essentially a problem of the transfer of moral dynamic. One missionary corps would do more for the kingdom of God than a whole regiment of soldiers trampling into the red mire of Luzon, that faith in man which has made America the hope of men.

Not in the movement of armies or the majesty of vast administration lies the final hope of the enlargement of the noblest Christian civilization, but in the silent and inner renewal of life made possible by the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, and made actual by the sacrificial love of devoted men and women who in darkness and great loneliness have been doing what armies and navies are powerless to do, making straight a highway for the Lord.

The twentieth century owes to the church the conception destined to become the social dynamic of the future, *the conception of the kingdom*

of God. When one has said this, one has in a single phrase named everything else. For the age which it masters, this conception will mean the introduction of new and definite and tremendous motives. It will mean the transformation of all endeavor, the consecration of all activity, the readjustment of relationships, and a new statement of life's compelling powers. It will furnish a new definition of the sanctity of life. As men are mastered by it, they will pass permanently from the realm of the purely secular. In the kingdom of God there is no secular. That hateful line of demarcation which has from of old broken life into two parts, work on one side, and worship on the other, will disappear. The workshop and the desk will become altar-places where men sacrifice to God, and the whole of life be lifted to those shining table-lands whereof our God is moon and sun.

To the age which it masters this conception will furnish a new definition of the unity of all right development. The renewal of the springs of character and conduct; the new sense of the permanence of the spiritual; the quickened social conscience; the growing sense of human solidarity; the transference of Christian civilization, — these are not isolated and detached phenomena, these are different aspects of a single movement whose first impulse is rooted in the redemptive purpose of God, and whose goal is the kingdom of God on earth. This conception furnishes a new definition of the end of all endeavor, a new interpretation of the meaning of the cosmic process. It is the burden of the poet's song; the fulfilment of the prophet's vision; and the consummation of all redemptive love. If the church of our generation, for this is our gift, had done nothing else than formulate a conception of the kingdom of God, she would have justified her right to be.

And finally, the next century will owe to the church *an abiding reinforcement.* The kingdom of God is more than a conception. It is an actual order, every day more clearly disclosing its strength and beauty. Its walls are even now rising in our midst. And in all this, the church has borne a good and abiding part. By the grace of God, all right endeavor is cumulative. The moment of the kingdom grows with the passing years. In this I find at once the justification of all present endeavor and the sure hope of eventful victory. If there is no real consummation of spiritual energy, if the good we do dies with us, if the future is no better for our strife, there is little reason that we should spend ourselves in toil, whose fruits at best are transient as our fleeting lives; but if all right endeavor is conserved, if we are spending ourselves in the creation of an increasing fund of redemptive power into which all sacrifice and toil have abidingly entered, if we know that the armies of God are reinforced by the centuries, and fight in the garnered strength of time, if God sees to it that not a prayer is unavailing and not a tear waters the earth in vain, then we can fight as though already crowned; for, though we fall, our souls go marching on.

Brethren, as we move through the opening gates of the twentieth century, we keep step with all the hosts of God, and we march to victory.

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Edward C. Camp, Whitman, *i.*, June 22, 1899.
Christopher W. Collier, Orange, *i.*, April 5, 1899.
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A. Frederick Dunnels, Calvanistic ch., Fitchburg, *i.*, March 29, 1899.
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George W. Fiske, Second ch., Huntington, *o. p.*, Oct. 26, 1898.
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Edwin C. Gillette, Southfield, *o.*, Oct. 7, 1898.
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MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS.

Dates from the earliest times of the Colony. Annual business meeting in the court-room of the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston, at 5 P. M., on the last Wednesday in May. Sermon at 11 A. M., on the day following. At this service a collection is taken, which, with the income of the Convention fund, is distributed to the widows and daughters of deceased Congregational ministers.

Every minister of a Congregational church in Massachusetts (whether Trinitarian or Unitarian) is *ex officio* a member of the Convention.

There is a reporting committee of twenty-five, selected by counties throughout the State, by which recommendations are made to a central committee of seven, which decides on all applications for aid.

PERMANENT OFFICERS. — Rev. Benjamin F. Hamilton, Boston (Roxbury), *scribe*, and Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, *treasurer;* to either of whom applications for aid may be addressed.

MASSACHUSETTS CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated in 1786. Organized to hold the funds of the Convention. Composed of fifteen clergymen and fifteen laymen, elected from both branches of the Congregational body. Aids the widows and orphans of deceased Congregational clergymen who have died while holding the pastoral office in Massachusetts.

Alexander S. Wheeler, Boston, *president;* Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, *secretary;* Arthur Lincoln, Boston, *treasurer;* Rev. Edwin B. Webb, Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Rev. Alexander McKenzie, *committee on appropriations.*

Applications for aid should be made to Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, Mass.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP.

The special attention of the churches is called to the following RULE of the Association: —

V. MEMBERS. — Each Evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, treasurer, and the pastor of the church with which the annual session is held, shall compose the General Association.

This resolution was also adopted: —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that churches sending delegates to the Annual Meetings of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts shall be recommended to pay the expenses of the delegates whom they send.

A DELEGATE FROM EVERY CHURCH would give us a grand and inspiring meeting.

1899.

The Minutes are sent to the churches by direction of the General Association. It is requested that one copy annually be preserved with the records of each church, and that the remaining copies be distributed among the officers and members in the way most likely to promote an intelligent interest in the condition and prosperity of the churches.

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THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID.

This Board had its origin in action taken by the General Association of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts in 1868, and was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1869.

Caleb H. Warner, 48 Brewster Street, Cambridge, is now its president; Arthur G. Stanwood, Esq., 701 Sears Building, Boston, is treasurer, to whom all contributions should be sent.

Rev. Edward B. Palmer, Rev. Morton Dexter, and Rev. Charles B. Rice are the executive committee.

Applications for aid should be sent to Rev. Edward B. Palmer, at Room 9, Congregational House. A small contribution is greatly needed annually from each church. Donations are also solicited from individuals. Should any one desire to leave a legacy in aid of the benevolent work of this Board, the following form of bequest will be sufficient: —

I give and devise to the Board of Ministerial Aid, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, for the charitable uses and purposes of said Corporation, ...

No officer of this Board receives any compensation for his services. No other board, society, or organization of the Commonwealth contributes anything for the support of needy Congregational ministers. Our country gives large pensions to her needy soldiers. Why should not our churches give something for "the aid, support, and comfort of their aged, disabled, superannuated, or needy ministers," and of "the widows and children of such ministers"?

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Middlesex, South, Rev. F. E. Sturges.
Norfolk, Rev. H. S. Huntington.
Suffolk, North, Henry M. Moore.
Old Colony, Rev. R. G. Woodbridge.
Taunton, Rev. T. Clayton Welles.
Woburn, Rev. Doremus Scudder.

Other Conferences will appoint at their next meetings.

NOTICES FOR 1900.

Meeting of 1901. — Andover, Tuesday, May 21.

Expenses. — The treasurers of the conferences are requested to ask the churches, at the autumnal meetings, to contribute a sum equivalent to six cents for each member, based upon the total membership of Jan. 1, 1900, and to forward the amount to Henry P. Emerson, 33 Bedford Street, Boston, Mass. These amounts are needed promptly, and it is specially requested that all dues be paid before Jan. 1, 1901. The number of members in each church will be found in the statistics of the churches on pages 28–56.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Henry M. Moore, Somerville, *moderator.*

(Elected for Three Years Each.)

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, *secretary.*
From 1888. Re-elected 1900.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Neponset, *assistant secretary.*
From 1895. Re-appointed 1900.

Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston, *registrar.*
From 1889. Re-elected 1900.

Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon, *assistant registrar.*
Elected 1900.

Henry P. Emerson, Boston, *treasurer.*
Elected 1899.

BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.

Room 610 Congregational House.

DIRECTORS.

		Term expires.
Herbert N. Ackerman	*West Medford.*	1903
Rev. Merle A. Breed	*Westboro.*	1901
Charles W. Carter	*Auburndale.*	1901
Rev. De Witt S. Clark	*Salem.*	1902
Henry E. Cobb	*Newton.*	1902
Rev. William H. Davis	*Newton.*	1901
George E. Keith	*Campello.*	1903
Rev. Edward M. Noyes	*Newton Center.*	1902
Henry H. Proctor	*Boston.*	1902
E. W. Chapin	*Holyoke.*	1903
Arthur E. Gray	*Worcester.*	1903
Rev. William M. Tenney	*N. Adams.*	1901

Rev. Charles B. Rice, *secretary.*

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RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. — This body shall be called THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

II. OBJECT. — Its object is to secure Christian union, fellowship, and intercourse among the ministers and churches ; promote spirituality, and to co-operate with one another and with other ecclesiastical bodies in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

III. DOCTRINAL BASIS. — This Association agrees to the Declaration of Faith adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the year 1865, the doctrines therein set forth being understood by us to be distinctly those which, from the beginning, have been embraced by the churches of New England as the doctrines of the gospel.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL BASIS. — Being based exclusively upon Congregational principles, this Association shall, under no circumstances, exercise ecclesiastical authority over churches or individuals, or interfere with the government or discipline of the churches, or consent to hear appeals, or give advice in ecclesiastical causes of any kind.

V. MEMBERS. — Each evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer, shall compose the General Association. Delegates from corresponding bodies, ministers appointed to preach sermons, and chairmen of committees attending to present reports shall be honorary members, together with such other persons as the Association may vote to admit.

VI. OFFICERS. — 1. A secretary, an assistant secretary, a registrar, an assistant registrar, and a treasurer shall be chosen by ballot, each to serve three years from the close of the session at which the choice was made; to these offices any member of any Congregational church connected with this body shall be eligible. In case any of these offices become vacant between the annual meetings of the Association, the vacancy may be filled until the next following meeting by vote of the remaining officers.

2. A moderator and alternate shall be elected by ballot at each annual session, to serve from the close of that session and until the election of their successors.

3. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, collect the statistics of ministers and churches, and have charge

of the printing thereof ; distribute the publications of the Association and preserve, for the permanent use of the Association, copies of all its publications.

4. The registrar shall make the records of each meeting, and preserve them as the permanent property of the Association. He shall give suitable notice to the churches of the time and place of each session.

5. The treasurer shall receive all money raised for the use of the Association, disburse the same as directed by the auditing committee through its chairman, and present an annual report, to be audited as the Association may direct.

6. The secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar, and treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Association. Their travelling expenses in attending the several sessions shall be paid by the Association.

VII. Annual Meeting. — The annual meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of May, at two P. M. (or at some other more convenient hour), at such place as shall have been duly designated.

VIII. Home Missionary Society. — The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society may annually elect two delegates to be members of this body, while it consents that this body may nominate two persons for membership in the Executive Committee of that society.

The two persons thus nominated shall be from the membership of the Association at the time, and shall not be eligible for nomination for more than two years in succession, and shall, if required, make report concerning the work of the society at the next meeting of the Association.

IX. Correspondence. — Official fraternal intercourse with the several State Congregational organizations, and with other denominations, is sufficiently had by the representation of this body in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

X. Organization. — The moderator, or in his absence, the pastor of the church of the place of meeting, or the secretary, may call the Association to order, and preside in the meeting until it be properly organized. The Association shall then be organized by the choice of a moderator and the session shall be opened with prayer.

XI. Committees. — The following committees shall be chosen: —

(1.) A Committee on Credentials, which shall be appointed by the moderator immediately after the opening of the session, to which all certificates of membership shall be referred.

(2.) A Committee on Nominations, to nominate the following and any other committees referred to them, except as hereinafter provided.

(3.) A Committee of Arrangements for the session consisting of five, of whom two shall be from members of the Provisional Committee, to prepare the business of the session, and no business shall be introduced

but through the hands or with the approval of the committee ; but if said committee decline presenting any item of business proposed by any member, he shall have the privilege of appeal to the Association.

(4.) A Provisional Committee of five, of whom the secretary or registrar shall be one, to prepare the schedule for the next annual meeting, to select a preacher for the Associational sermon, and persons to prepare such written papers as they shall deem desirable.

(5.) A Committee of Publication to consist of the secretary, registrar, treasurer, and two other persons to be appointed at the session, which shall make provision for the printing of such documents and papers as may be necessary in the work of the Association.

(6.) A Committee on the Work of the Churches, which shall make report to this body at the next annual session upon the work of the churches and state of religion. This Committee shall consist of nine members, three to be chosen each year, to serve for three years. The scribes of the local conferences shall be corresponding members of this committee.

(7.) A Committee to Audit the Accounts for the next annual meeting, which shall report the state of the treasury and the sum, in its opinion, necessary to be asked from the churches for the next ensuing year, and, through its chairman, approve all bills presented for payment.

XII. Exercises. — The time of the annual session shall be occupied by devotional services, the consideration of the state of religion, the wants and methods of home evangelization, addresses, and discussions of practical religious interest, and attention to the objects of benevolent enterprise sustained by the churches.

XIII. Special Orders. — 1. At the opening of the session, on the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday, the moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association stands adjourned ; shall open the meeting with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read ; and the sessions of each day shall be closed with prayer or hymn.

2. The Associational sermon and Lord's Supper shall be assigned to Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening shall be devoted to exercises having special reference to the people of the place of meeting, or a sermon may be preached, the preacher to be selected by the Provisional Committee. One session of the Association, or a part thereof, shall be given to the Mass. Home Missionary Society.

XIV. Place of Meeting. — Previous to the close of each meeting, the General Association shall specify the place of meeting for the next year ; and the church of the place of meeting selected is requested to make preparations to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the course of the service. The Lord's Supper shall be administered generally without remarks.

XV. Rules of Order. — The rules of order shall be those found in common parliamentary practice, subject, however, to the following specifications : —

1. That all reports of committees other than those named in Rule XI. shall be printed and distributed to the churches not less than two weeks before the regular meeting, and furnished to the secretary on or before April 1st. They shall not be read at the meeting, but one hour of the session may be devoted to the discussion of these topics.

2. That no committee other than those named in Rule XI. shall be continued without a definite yearly vote of the Association, and no member of any special committee shall serve for more than two consecutive years without an enabling vote of the Association.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.

4. When a question is under debate, the moderator shall entertain motions only as follows, viz.: to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

XVI. Amendments. — 1. Any of the above rules, except the first five, may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted in writing on the day previous to that of the action.

2. Amendments to either of the first five articles shall not be made except upon their proposals in writing at the annual meeting next prior to that of action, and after notice has been sent to the several Associations, Conferences, and Churches, and by a two-thirds vote.

MINUTES

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts met for its ninety-eighth annual session with the First church, Amherst, Tuesday, May 15, 1900.

ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Abington,	Rev. De Mont Goodyear, Dea. J. T. Richmond.
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	Rev. Walter Rice.
Amherst, 1st,	Rev. Charles S. Walker.
" 2d,	Rev. Chester W. Hawley, Dea. Henry E. Hastings.
" College.	Pres. George Harris.
" North,	Rev. Eber W. Gaylord, Dea. C. H. Kellogg.
" South,	Rev. John F. Gleason, Dea. George O. Hannum.
Andover, South,	John L. Brewster.
" Ballardvale,	Rev. Edwin Smith, William Shaw.
" Seminary,	Rev. Pres. Geo. F. Moore, Prof. Wm. B. Graves.
Ashfield,	Rev. Horace F. Hallett, Dea. Fred'k H. Smith.
Athol,	Mrs. Rolla G. Bugbee.
Attleboro,	Rev. Wilson S. Fritch, John Thatcher.
Barnstable, Hyannis,	Rev. Edgar C. Wheeler, Mrs. M. H. Holmes.
Barre,	Rev. Joseph F. Gaylord.
Becket, Center,	Rev. Charles O. Eames.
" North,	John H. Richardson.
Belchertown,	Mrs. Alice L. Kendall.
Belmont, Waverley,	Rev. George P. Gilman.
Berlin,	Rev. Arthur P. Pratt, Dea. T. P. Felton.
Bernardston,	Alonzo Alford.
Beverly, Washington St.,	Dea. Issachar Lefavour.
Blackstone,	Rev. Walter H. Rollins, Mrs. W. H. Rollins.
Blandford, 1st,	Rev. Allan C. Ferrin.
Boston, Old South,	Henry H. Proctor.
" 2d, Dorchester,	Rev. A. E. Colton.
" Union,	Hamilton S. Conant.
" West Roxbury,	Rev. Frank W. Merrick.
" Shawmut,	James B. Hawkins.
" Jamaica Plain,	Rev. Cyrus P. Osborne.
" Pilgrim, Dorchester,	Mrs. Mary H. Hunt.
" Walnut Ave., Rox.,	Rev. Albert H. Plumb.
" Central, Dorchester,	Rev. George H. Flint, Mrs. George H. Flint.
" Roslindale,	Dea. William H. Warner.
Bridgewater,	Arthur C. Boyden.
Brockton, South Campello,	Rev. Albert F. Pierce, George M. Howard.
Brookline, Harvard,	M. F. Dickinson, Jr.
" Leyden,	Rev. Albert E. Dunning.
Cambridge, 1st,	Dea. George S. Saunders.
" Prospect St.,	Albert B. Long.
" Wood Memorial,	Dea Abijah R. Buck.
Charlemont, 1st,	Rev. George H. Pratt.
" East,	Rev. Lyman Whiting.

Chelmsford, Central,	Rev. Robert A. McFadden.
Chelsea, 1st,	Rev. Samuel M. Cathcart.
Chesterfield,	Dea. William Baker.
Chicopee, 1st,	Rev. Collins G. Burnham.
" 2d, Falls,	Dea. F. M. Nichols.
" 3d,	Rev. Herbert P. Woodin.
Conway,	Rev. Eugene F. Hunt, Mrs. W. A. Pease.
Cummington,	Rev. Lewis F. Reid.
Dalton,	Rev. George W. Andrews.
Danvers Center,	Rev. Harry C. Adams, Rev. Charles B. Rice.
Easthampton, 1st,	Rev. Sumner G. Wood, Dea. L. E. Parsons.
" Payson,	Rev. Charles H. Hamlin, Joseph H. Sawyer.
East Longmeadow,	Rev. Harry C. McKnight.
Essex,	Rev. Lyman H. Blake, Mrs. L. H. Blake.
Everett, 1st,	Rev. William I. Sweet, H. I. Parkhurst.
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	Rev. A. Fred'k Dunnels.
" Rollstone,	Rev. Wm. O. Conrad, Dea. Charles H. Doten.
Framingham,	Rev. Lucius R. Eastman, Henry K. Eastman.
" South,	Dea. Frederick J. Stevens.
Franklin, 1st,	Rev. Isaiah W. Sneath.
Georgetown, Memorial,	C. Julian Tuthill.
Gill,	Rev. William H. Dowden.
Gloucester, West,	Rev. Temple Cutler.
" Trinity,	Rev. Rufus P. Hibbard, John Cunningham.
Goshen,	Rev. Calvin Keyser, Mrs. Calvin Keyser.
Granby,	Rev. Robert C. Bell, Mrs. R. C. Bell.
Greenfield, 1st,	Rev. G. R. W. Scott.
" 2d,	Solon L. Newton.
Hadley, 1st,	Rev. Edward E. Keedy.
" 2d, North,	Rev. John W. Lane.
Hanover, West.	Rev. Edward D. Disbrow.
Hardwick, Gilbertville,	Rev. Samuel A. Barrett, Lewis N. Gilbert.
Hatfield,	Dea. Oscar Belden.
Haverhill, West,	Rev. John N. Lowell.
" Center,	Dea. Hazen M. Chase.
Hawley, West,	Rev. Thomas S. Robie.
Hinsdale,	Rev. James C. Seagrave.
Holden,	Rev. Thomas E. Babb.
Holyoke, 1st,	Rev. George W. Winch, Dea. G. W. Brainerd.
" 2d,	Rev. Franklin P. Reinhold,
Huntington, 2d,	Rev. G. Walter Fisk,
Hyde Park,	Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, Alfred F. Bridgman.
" Clarendon Hills,	Rev. Achilles L. Loder.
Lee,	Rev. Lyman S. Rowland, Mrs. Eliz. M. Rowland.
Leicester,	Rev. David C. Reid.
Leverett,	Rev. Richard Scoles.
" Moore's Corner,	Rev. J. C. Wightman.
Lexington,	Rev. Chas. F. Carter, Dea. Henry H. Hamilton.
Longmeadow,	Rev. Stephen G. Barnes, William F. Emerson.
Lowell, Pawtucket,	Mrs. A. C. Varnum.
Lowell, Highland,	Dea. James G. Buttrick.
Lynn, North,	Rev. Arthur J. Covell, Mrs. Anna C. Covell.
Malden,	Rev. Henry H. French, George W. Winslow.
Manchester,	Rev. Walter H. Ashley.
Marshfield, 1st,	Rev. Frederick W. Manning.
Medford, Mystic,	E. Boynton.
" West,	Rev. Judson V. Clancy.
Medway, West,	Rev. George E. Sweet.
Melrose Highlands,	Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, Walter S. Tower.

Merrimac,	M. Perry Sargent.
Methuen,	Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, Samuel E. Mason.
Millbury, 2d,	Rev. George P. Eastman, Amos Armsby.
Milton,	Dea. John A. Tucker.
Monson,	Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, W. S. T. Fitz.
Montague,	J. W. Dugan.
" Miller's Falls,	W. W. Mason, Jr.
" Turner's Falls,	Rev. Frank N. Merriam.
Needham,	Rev. Ralph J. Haughton.
New Bedford, Trinitarian,	Rev. William Carruthers.
New Braintree,	Rev. Francis H. Boynton.
Newbury,	Rev. Charles S. Holton.
Newburyport, Belleville,	Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock.
Newton, 1st, Center,	Rev. Edward M. Noyes, Charles E. Kelsey.
" Eliot,	Rev. William H. Davis, Herbert A. Wilder.
" Auburndale,	Rev. Addison P. Foster.
" Newtonville,	Rev. Ozora S. Davis, Edmund M. Blake.
" Highlands,	Lemuel Boyd.
North Adams,	Dea. Alexander McDougall.
Northampton, Edwards,	Rev. Peter McMillan, S. E. Bridgman,
Northbridge, Whitinsville,	Rev. John R. Thurston,
North Brookfield, 1st,	Rev. John L. Sewall.
" Union,	Dea. E. H. Stoddard.
Norwood,	Rev. Charles F. Weeden.
Oxford,	Dea. John E. Kimball.
Palmer, 2d,	Rev. Fosdick B. Harrison.
Paxton,	Rev. George W. Clark.
Peabody, South,	Rev. George A. Hall.
Pelham, Packardv'e, Enfield,	Horace C. Broughton.
Pittsfield, 1st,	Dea. William G. Harding.
" Pilgrim Memorial,	Rev. Raymond Calkins.
Prescott,	Rev. William S. Anderson, Dea. G. F. Allen.
Randolph,	Rev. Charles A. Hilton, M. W. Baker.
Reading,	Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell, Rev. Azro H. Smith.
Rockport, 1st,	Rev. Israel Ainsworth, George M. Haskins.
Salem, Tabernacle,	Rev. De Witt S. Clark, Henry S. Stearns.
Sandisfield,	Rev. George Bliss.
Sharon,	Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Osmund J. Billings.
Shelburne,	George E. Taylor.
Somerville, 1st,	Rev. Rob't W. Wallace, J. Gardner Tewksbury.
" Broadway,	Rev. Warren P. Landers.
" Winter Hill,	John Herbert.
South Hadley,	Rev. Arthur B. Patten, Dea. Calvin Preston.
Southwick,	Rev. Lyndon S. Crawford.
Spencer,	Charles N. Prouty.
Springfield, Olivet,	Rev. Edwin H. Hadlock, Mrs. Chas. H. Barrows.
" South,	Rev. Philip S. Moxom, Dea. Albert H. Kirkham.
" North,	Rev. Newton M. Hall.
" Hope,	Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, Miss Lucy G. Stock.
" Eastern Ave.,	Rev. J. W. Conklin, Prof. G. W. Pease.
" Emmanuel,	Rev. David L. Kebbe, Mrs. H. C. Thayer.
" Park,	Rev. Allen E. Cross.
" St. John's,	Rev. William N. De Berry.
Stoneham,	William F. Greenough.
Sunderland,	Rev. Edward P. Butler, Dea. H. G. Sanderson.
Sutton,	Rev. Frank A. Lombard.
Taunton, Winslow,	Rev. T. C. Welles, Mrs. Jennie S. Welles.
" East,	Rev. Halah H. Loud.
Townsend,	Rev. Lyman Mevis.
Upton,	Appleton P. Williams.

Uxbridge,	Rev. Frank L. Bristol, Wm. A. Johnson, M. D.
Ware,	Dr. W. O. Barrett.
" East,	Rev. Austin B. Bassett.
Warren, 1st,	Rev. William B. Oleson, E. A. Day.
Wellesley Hills,	Rev. Parris T. Farwell.
West Brookfield,	Rev. J. H. Gaylord.
Westfield, 2d,	Rev. William C. Gordon, Dea. Smith Harding.
West Springfield,	Rev. George W. Love, Mrs. George W. Love.
" Park St.,	Rev. William H. Webb, Mrs. W. H. Webb.
West Stockbridge, Center,	Rev. Walter W. Curtis.
Weymouth, 1st, Heights,	Prof. Joseph O. Thompson.
" East,	Rev. Francis A. Poole, Mrs. F. A. Poole.
Whitman,	Rev. Edward C. Camp, Howard S. Baker.
Wilbraham,	Prof. S. Francis Howard.
" North,	Rev. Charles H. Gates.
Williamsburg,	Dea. Henry W. Hill.
Winchester,	Rev. D. Augustine Newton, Dea. Chas. E. Swett.
Windsor,	Rev. George Sterling.
Woburn,	Rev. Doremus Scudder, Dea. John R. Carter.
Worcester, Central,	Rev. Eldridge Mix.
" Union,	Rev. John E. Tuttle, Dea. A. E. Wilson.
" Memorial,	Rev. Orange C. Bailey.
" Plymouth,	Rev. Rufus M. Taft.
" Piedmont,	Rev. Willard Scott, Rev. Amos H. Coolidge.
" Pilgrim,	A. E. Gray, Mrs. A. E. Gray.
" Covenant,	Mrs. A. C. Crossfield.
Worthington,	Rev. M. J. Allen, Otis H. Buck.
Yarmouth, West,	Rev. Edgar C. Wheeler.

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Elijah Horr, Malden. William C. Strong, Newton.

MEMBERS, EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, secretary.
Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Neponset, assistant secretary.
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Boston, registrar.

DELEGATES FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Berkshire North,	Rev. Henry M. Bowden.
Cape Cod,	Rev. Edgar C. Wheeler, Hyannis.
Essex South and Salem,	Rev. Warren P. Landers, Somerville.
Hampden,	Rev. Winfield S. Hawkes.
Hampshire,	Rev. H. Preserved Smith.
Hampshire East,	Prof. Edward P. Crowell.
Middlesex South,	Rev. S. Ingersoll Briant.
Norfolk,	Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon.
Plymouth,	Rev. Haig Adadourian, Plymouth.
Suffolk, South,	Rev. William Gallagher, Braintree.
Suffolk, West,	Rev. Erastus Blakeslee, Brookline.
Worcester, North,	Rev. Rolla G. Bugbee.

DELEGATES FROM THE CONFERENCES.

Essex, North,	Rev. George L. Todd, Merrimac.
" South,	Rev. Charles C. Watson, Lynn.
Hampshire, East,	Rev. Arthur B. Patten, South Hadley.
Old Colony,	Rev. Robert Humphrey, Mattapoisett.
Suffolk, South,	M. C. Hazard, Dorchester.
" West,	B. F. Dewing.
Worcester, South,	Rev. Alexander Wiswall, Upton.

ORGANIZATION. — At 2 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield, moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator: —

On credentials. — Rev. Geo. W. Winch, of Holyoke; Rev. Charles S. Walker, of Amherst; Rev. Geo. H. Hubbard, of Enfield; A. H. Kirkham, of Springfield; Rev. Arthur B. Patten, of South Hadley.

On nominations. — Rev. Frederick H. Page, of Lawrence; Rev. John L. Sewall, of North Brookfield; Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton; Rev. Raymond Calkins, of Pittsfield.

Rev. A. J. Dyer, of Sharon, was elected assistant-registrar, *pro tem.* It was

Voted, That the printed program presented by the provisional committee be adopted except as otherwise ordered by the Association.

An address of welcome was given by Rev. George Harris, President of Amherst College.

Response was made in an address by the moderator, Rev. P. S. Moxom, of Springfield.

The Association joined in singing, "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

The report of the secretary, Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale,[1] was then presented, and was followed by the report of the treasurer,[2] Henry P. Emerson, of Lynn, presented by Charles E. Swett, of Winchester.

The report of the auditing committee was then given by its chairman, Charles E. Swett, of Winchester.

It was

Voted, That the reports of the secretary, treasurer, and auditing committee be referred to the business committee for report at some later session of the meeting.

Rev. S. G. Barnes, of Longmeadow, presented the report of the committee on the Work of the Churches,[3] and was followed by Rev. F. L. Bristol, of Uxbridge, with a report, from the same committee, on "Sunday schools."

These reports were followed by two papers; by Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock, of Newburyport, on "The Relation of Pastor and Children," and by Rev. F. S. Hatch, of Monson, on "Every Pastor an Evangelist."[4]

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury. As two

[1] page 92. [2] page 94. [3] page 97. [4] page 132.

of the appointees on the nominating committee had not appeared, S. E. Bridgman, of Northampton, and Smith Harding, of Westfield, were appointed in place of Revs. F. H. Page, of Lawrence, and T. C. Welles, of Taunton.

Then followed a discussion of the reports of the committee on the Work of the Churches, participated in by C. S. Remington, of Fall River, Rev. Elijah Horr, of Malden, and Rev. G. P. Eastman, of Millbury.

Rev. F. L. Bristol, of Uxbridge, at the request of the Association, gave a supplementary report on the apparent losses of the Sunday schools.

The reports of the committee on the Work of the Churches were adopted.

The nominating committee, through Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield, reported the following-named deacons to serve at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at evening service: —

C. L. Nims, of First church, Amherst; Edward Hitchcock, of College church, Amherst; D. W. Wilcox, of Medford; W. G. Harding, of Pittsfield; H. D. Noyes, of Hyde Park; J. G. Tewksbury, of Somerville.

After prayer by Rev. H. P. Smith, of Amherst College, the Association took a recess, to meet at seven o'clock P. M.

Evening Session

At the hour appointed the Association reassembled, with the moderator in the chair.

Devotional services were led by Rev. F. S. Hatch, of Monson, and Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn.

The sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Davis, of Newton, from 1 Sam. ix. 11, "Is the seer here?"

The annual offering was made for the Board of Ministerial Aid, amounting to $59.68.

The administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed, Rev. A. F. Dunnels, of Fitchburg, and Rev. Peter McMillan, of Northampton, officiating.

After the singing of the hymn "In the cross of Christ I glory," the benediction was pronounced and the Association took a recess, to meet at 8.30 Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY

Morning Session

At 8.45 o'clock devotional services were led by Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, of Reading, and at 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The supplementary report on Sunday schools, given Tuesday afternoon by Rev. F. L. Bristol, of Uxbridge, was referred to the business committee to report at a later session and provide sufficient time for discussion of it.

The nominating committee then reported: —

For moderator, pro tem. — Rev. J. F. Gaylord, of Barre.

For committee of arrangements. — Rev. Henry R. McCartney, of Amherst; Rev. Henry T. Rose, of Northampton; H. S. Conant, of Boston; Rev. Edward M. Noyes, of Newton Center; W. G. Harding, of Pittsfield.

Nominees for membership of executive committee of Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. — W. C. Strong, of Newton Highlands; Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn.

Committee on Work of the Churches. — For two years to fill the unexpired term of E. F. Morris, of Monson, resigned, S. E. Bridgman, of Northampton; for three years, Augustus R. Smith, of Lee; Rev. Joshua Coit, of Winchester; Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville.

Auditing committee. — Eleazer Boynton, of Medford; Rev. George H. Flint, of Boston; James Hale Dodge, of Jamaica Plain.

Directors of Board of Pastoral Supply. — Herbert N. Ackerman, of West Medford; George E. Keith, of Campello; Arthur E. Gray, of Worcester; E. W. Chapin, of Holyoke.

This report was adopted.

Voted, To instruct the committee on nominations to name a committee on ministerial standing for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the nominating committee name a committee of five to report upon the revision of the Rules of the Association at the next annual session.

Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, secretary of the Board of Pastoral Supply, then presented the annual report of the Directors of that Board.[1]

The time having arrived for the discussion of the report of the temperance committee, it was

Voted, That the discussion of that report be postponed until the afternoon session and that it then be given precedence in the order of the hour.

[1] page 109.

Discussion followed upon secretary Rice's report, participated in by Henry H. Proctor, of Boston; J. C. Greenough, of Westfield; Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Boston; William Shaw, of Ballardvale; and it was

Voted, That the report be referred to a special committee of five, to report at a later session of the meeting.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem, was also referred to this special committee of five: —

"*Resolved,* That all the conferences of the State be kindly and urgently requested not to withhold the sum requested by the General Association for the support of the Board of Pastoral Supply."

Pres. G. F. Moore, of Andover Theological Seminary, then presented an invitation from the Seminary church of that place, to the General Association, to hold its next annual meeting with them; this was referred to the nominating committee.

On account of the illness of Prof. C. E. Garman, of Amherst College, the committee of arrangements recommended that one half of the time assigned to Prof. Garman be given to Pres. G. F. Moore, of Andover Seminary, and the other half to Rev. E. B. Sanford, of New York, of the national committee for the Federation of the Churches.

President Moore then delivered an address on "The Kind of Instruction required by the Congregational Ministry."

Rev. E. B. Sanford then addressed the Association.

In response to his invitation, the nominating committee was instructed to name a committee on the federation of the churches, said committee to report at the next annual meeting of the Association.

At this point the nominating committee reported the following committees: —

On revision of the rules of the Association. — Rev. Philip S. Moxom, of Springfield; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, of Salem; W. T. Forbes, of Worcester; A. G. Cumnock, of Lowell; Rev. W. L. Tenney, of North Adams.

On ministerial standing. — Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Boston; Rev. M. A. Breed, of Westboro; Rev. J. A. MacColl, of New Bedford; Rev. W. A. Bartlett, of Lowell; Rev. William C. Gordon, of Westfield.

This report was adopted.

It was

Voted, That a committee of three on ministerial education be named by

the nominating committee, said committee to report at the next annual meeting of the Association.

Rev. Loyol L. Wirt, of Alaska, missionary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society and Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, was then introduced and made a brief response.

Rev. W. W. Adams, of Fall River, delivered an address on "How should the idea of God be stated according to present light?" [1]

The following telegram was then read: —

To the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts: —

The Vermont State Christian Conference sitting at Shrewsbury sendeth greeting. Matt. xxiii. 8.

It was

Voted, That the officers of the Association respond suitably to this telegram.

The following response was sent: —

The General Association of Massachusetts responds cordially to greeting.

It was

Voted, That the nominating committee report candidates for offices of the Association to be elected at the present meeting.

The nominating committee then made the following report: —

That the Association accept the invitation of the Chapel church, at Andover, to meet with them next year.

Committee on the federation of the churches. — Rev. W. W. Adams, of Fall River; Rev. J. H. Denison, of Williamstown; Frederick Fosdick, of Fitchburg.

Committee on ministerial education. — Rev. George A. Gordon, of Boston; Rev. A. B. Bassett, of Ware; Rev. C. H. Beale, of Roxbury.

After remarks by Rev. F. S. Hatch, of Monson, the part of the report recommending Andover as the place of the next meeting was adopted with "uncommon heartiness." The proposed committee on the federation of the churches was approved.

After rescinding the vote whereby the committee on ministerial education was to be composed of three members and voting that the committee be composed of five members, that part of the report was referred back to the nominating committee with instructions to add the names of two laymen.

[1] page 136.

On motion of William Shaw, of Ballardvale, it was

Voted, That hereafter the provisional committee provide time for the transaction of the business of the Association and indicate the same on the printed program.

It was then

Voted, To take a recess until four o'clock.

Afternoon Session

Promptly at four o'clock the Association was called to order by the moderator, *pro tem.*, Rev. J. F. Gaylord, of Barre, and the session was opened by singing "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

The business committee reported as follows: —

On the reports of the secretary, treasurer, and auditing committee. — That they be adopted, and recommending, further, that the matter of certain conferences protesting against the present method of the support of the Board of Pastoral Supply be considered by the special committee to which that report was referred.

On the printed reports of special committees. — That they be considered in the order appointed in the printed program; that time not exceeding fifteen minutes be given to the discussion of each report, and that J. G. Buttrick, of Lowell, Rev. C. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton, and Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury, be recognized for presenting further statements concerning the work of their respective committees.

On the election of the officers of the Association. — That the nominating committee prepare the ballot in the Australian form, with two names at least for each office, leaving blanks for other names.

Provisional committee of 1901. — President, George F. Moore, of Andover; J. L. Brewster, of Andover; Rev. W. E. Wolcott, of Lawrence; William Shaw, of Ballardvale, and the registrar of 1901.

Publishing committee. — The secretary, registrar, treasurer, Leonard A. Treat, of Chelsea; Rev. W. P. Landers, of Somerville.

Committee on the report of the Board of Pastoral Supply. — Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester; Rev. H. C. Adams, of Danvers; Rev. C. H. Oliphant, of Methuen; Rev. L. F. Reed, of Cummington.

Additional members for committee on ministerial education. — Charles A. Denny, of Leicester; Frank A. Foxcroft, of Cambridge.

The report was adopted.

The nominating committee reported the ballot for the election of officers, and the election was ordered.

The following persons were named by the moderator to act as tellers: —

Rev. Erastus Blakeslee, of Brookline; Rev. George W. Andrews, of Dalton; C. N. Prouty, of Spencer; Amos Armsby, of Millbury.

Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury, then spoke on the report of the

committee on Sabbath Observance. Remarks were made by Rev. J. R. Thurston, of Whitinsville, and the report was adopted.

Rev. A. H. Plumb then offered the following resolution, which was adopted: —

The Massachusetts General Association of Congregational Churches, in annual meeting at Amherst, May 16, hereby respectfully petition the honorable Senate and House of Representatives not to pass House Bill No. 1209, pending, for the sale of tobacco on the Lord's Day by pharmacists, innholders, and common victuallers.

Rev. W. P. Landers, of Somerville, spoke on the report of the committee on the Wider Circulation of Religious Literature. After further discussion by H. S. Conant, of Boston, Rev. F. S. Hunnewell, of Reading, and Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield, the report was adopted.

There being no report from the committee on ministerial standing that item on the program was passed.

After a supplementary statement to the report of the committee on Labor Organizations by James G. Buttrick, of Lowell, the report was accepted and its recommendations adopted.

A statement additional to the report of the committee on Gambling was made by Rev. C. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton, after which the report was adopted.

It was then,

Voted, That the report of the committee on temperance be accepted with the thanks of the Association for the valuable work done.

The following amendment to the report was then adopted: —

That the portion of paragraph seven which begins with the words "the trend" and closes with the words "in the schools; for" be stricken out.

It was,

Voted, To continue the following committees: the committee on Sunday observance, the committee on gambling, the committee on temperance, and the committee on the nomination of candidates for corporate membership of the American Board.

The result of the ballot for officers for the ensuing year was announced as follows: —

Moderator, Henry M. Moore, of Somerville; alternate, James H. Eaton, of Lawrence; secretary, Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale; assistant secretary, Rev. O. D. Sewall, of Brookline; registrar, Rev. Francis J. Marsh, of Boston; assistant registrar, Rev. A. J. Dyer, of Sharon.

[Rev. Mr. Sewall declined his appointment, and, under the Rules, Rev. E. C. Webster has been duly named for the place.]

The Association then took a recess to meet at 7.15 o'clock P. M.

Evening Session

The Association reassembled at the appointed time with the moderator in the chair. After an anthem prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. Beale, of Roxbury.

Dr. Luther Gulick, of Springfield, then read a paper on "Some differences in the religious life of men and women, with their appropriate recognition in church work." [1]

This was followed by two addresses, on the theme: "Is the scheme of the International Sunday School Lessons satisfactory from the pedagogical point of view?" by Pres. G. Stanley Hall, of Worcester, and Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Boston.

General discussion followed participated in by Rev. Erastus Blakeslee, of Brookline; M. C. Hazard, of Dorchester; J. B. Greenough, of Westfield; Rev. C. H. Beale, of Roxbury; John W. Conklin, of Springfield; William Shaw, of Ballardvale; Milton A. Dixon, of Springfield; Rev. J. L. Sewall, of North Brookfield; Rev. T. Clayton Welles, of Taunton; Rev. Charles F. Carter, of Lexington; Rev. John R. Thurston, of Whitinsville; Rev. Thomas S. Robie, of Hawley; and was closed by President Hall.

After singing and the benediction, at 10.25 o'clock, the Association took a recess, until 8.30 A. M., Thursday.

THURSDAY

Morning Session

Devotional services opened at 8.30 A. M., led by Rev. Arthur B. Patten, of South Hadley.

The Association was called to order by the moderator at 8.40 o'clock.

The business committee stated that owing to the absence of a majority of their committee they would ask that the vacancies be filled.

The nominating committee immediately reported the following: —

To serve on the business committee: Rev. D. S. Clark, of Salem; J. E. Kimball, of Oxford.

This report was adopted.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

[1] page 142.

The nominating committee asked for an enabling vote to allow the following gentlemen to serve for the ensuing year: —

On the committee on gambling. — Rev. C. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. C. M. Southgate, of Auburndale; S. Homer Woodbridge, of Boston; Rev. E. M. Noyes, of Newton Center.

On the committee on Sunday observance. — Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury.

On the committee on labor organizations. — Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Dorchester; James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. P. T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. Frank W. Merrick, of West Roxbury.

The following committees were then elected: —

On gambling. — Rev. C. H. Hamlin, of Easthampton; Rev. C. M. Southgate, of Auburndale; S. Homer Woodbridge, of Boston; Rev. E. M. Noyes, of Newton Center; Rev. Isaac Pierson, of West Medford; Arthur H. Wellman, of Malden; Rev. P. W. Lyman, of Fall River.

On Sunday observance. — Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury; Rev. Geo. W. Winch, of Holyoke; Prof. Henry M. Tyler, of Northampton; Rev. I. W. Sneath, of Franklin; Joseph Willett, of Needham.

On labor organizations. — Rev. W. H. Allbright, of Dorchester; James G. Buttrick, of Lowell; Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge; Rev. P. T. Farwell, of Wellesley Hills; Rev. Frank W. Merrick, of West Roxbury; Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn; James Logan, of Worcester.

On nomination of candidates for corporate membership of the American Board. — Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester; Rev. F. S. Hatch, of Monson; Rev. B. H. Weston, of Centreville; Geo. N. Webber, of Northampton; D. W. Willcox, of Medford.

The committee on the report of the Directors of the Board of Pastoral Supply presented, through its chairman, Rev. Willard Scott, of Worcester, the following report: —

We recommend that, in the apportionment asked of the churches for the support of the Association, the coming year, the sum of two cents per member be included to meet the expenses of the Board of Pastoral Supply.

We recommend that the Board of Pastoral Supply be authorized to collect ten per cent of their fees from those to whom opportunities for pulpit supply in Massachusetts are furnished, except in the case of candidates for settlement.

As nearly all the conferences of this Association have contributed to the support of the Board of Pastoral Supply, we earnestly request coöperation in the plans adopted by the Association from those conferences which have so far failed in part in this direction, in consequence of which a deficit exists in the funds of the Board.

This report was accepted and its recommendations adopted.

The committee on nomination of candidates for corporate membership of the American Board reported through its chairman,

Rev. L. S. Rowland, of Lee, and the following persons were nominated by ballot: —

Rev. A. B. Bassett, of Ware; Eleazer Boynton, of Medford; Rev. William R. Campbell, of Boston; Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock, of Newburyport; Rev. Frank A. Warfield, of Lowell; Rev. Robert M. Woods, of Hatfield.

The nominating committee reported: —

Committee on temperance.—Rev. Alexander Lewis, of Worcester; Francis M. Bundy, M. D., of Boston; Mrs. Jessie A. Brown, of Woburn; Albert L. Harwood, of Newton Center; Rev. E. H. Chandler, of Wellesley.

This report was adopted.

A communication from the Rev. S. H. Emery, of Taunton, was read to the Association by Rev. T. C. Welles, of Taunton.

It was

Voted, That a committee of three with the moderator as chairman present a reply to the communication, and the following persons were appointed to serve with the moderator: Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Roxbury, and Rev. T. C. Welles, of Taunton.

It was then

Voted, To extend the time for business fifteen minutes.

The business committee made the following report: —

1. This Association recognizes and emphasizes the call of the National Council that the annual reports of the churches be made promptly on the first day of January; that the secretaries of the local conferences be urged to complete their reports to the secretary, and forward them in January, and that Feb. 15 be the time limit, after which no church report be received for use.

Adopted.

2. We recommend that the committee on the Work of the Churches be instructed to continue their study of church work for the young by considering and reporting upon the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor as a practical working force in our churches.

Adopted.

3. The differences between the reports of the secretary of this Association and the "sub-committee on the Work of the Churches," regarding the loss and gain in Sunday school enrolment, have been investigated, so far as the figures and facts have been accessible to the committee, and we have found a satisfactory explanation, and have effected an arrangement by which Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Auburndale, and Rev. F. L. Bristol, of Uxbridge, will complete an adjustment of the apparent discrepancies in figures for publication.

Adopted.

4. We recommend that the question of the relation between the General Association and the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society be referred to the committee on the work of the churches for consideration and report on the same at the next meeting of the Association.

Adopted.

5. We recommend that the chairman of the committee on temperance be permitted to make a statement respecting the action of the Association in excluding a part of a paragraph of the report of said committee.

Adopted.

Rev. W. H. Davis, of Newton, then made the statement that he desired that if any part of the report of the committee on temperance be excluded the whole paragraph which treats of that special subject be excluded.

After some discussion it was so voted, and the report of the temperance committee was amended by striking out of paragraph seven the part beginning with the words "The trend," and closing with the words "the Commonwealth," and as so amended was adopted.

Addresses were then made by Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Roxbury, on "The Instruction of Children for Church Membership" [1]; by Rev. Wilson S. Fritch, of Attleboro, on "The Instruction of Adults for Church Membership," [2] and by Rev. George P. Gilman, of Waverley, on "Do Liturgies Instruct?" [3]

Following these addresses the theme of "Social and Civic Conditions whose Existence discredits the Instruction of the Church," was discussed by papers presented by John L. Brewster, of Andover, on "Urban Lawlessness and Corruption" [4]; by Rev. Walter H. Ashley, of Manchester, on "Rural Lawlessness and Corruption"; [5] by John Herbert, of Somerville, on "The Duty of the Church in relation to Civic and Political Matters." [6]

At the close of the addresses it was

Voted, To proceed to the order of business.

The committee on credentials presented the following report: —

Number of churches represented	189
Churches represented by pastors	138
Churches represented by others	115
Associations represented	11
Conferences represented	7
Whole number of bodies represented	271
Names appearing twice	7
Whole number of delegates	264

[1] page 150. [2] page 156. [3] page 162. [4] page 167. [5] page 171. [6] page 177.

The business committee recommended

1. That the report of the committee on the Work of the Churches be included with those mentioned in Art. XV., Sect. 1, with instructions to the next Provisional Committee to allow ample time for discussion.

Voted, To refer this to the committee on Revision of the Rules.

2. That the secretary of the Association be instructed to furnish each church not less than two copies of the provisional program, and not later than twelve days preceding the date of the annual meeting.

This was adopted.

3. That Rev. A. J. Dyer, of Sharon, be allowed to present a resolution passed by the Norfolk conference.

This was adopted and the resolution was then read, as follows: —

Resolved, That while we recognize with gratitude the steady increase of the churches of our order in this State, both in numbers and membership, we view with solicitude the fact that in certain instances other denominations have seized opportunities for the building of chapels and the establishment of churches in localities that belonged both by inheritance and practical occupation to the Congregational fellowship. While we cannot assign the reason for the partial failure of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts, not only to hold their ground but also to extend themselves in the land of their birthright as they might be expected to do, we are led to ask if the reason for this cannot be discovered and the remedy applied.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the subject of church extension as it applies to our churches individually and collectively and also to the various co-operating missionary societies be assigned to the committee on the Work of the Churches for investigation, the same to be reported upon at the next annual meeting.

This was adopted.

4. That in view of the peculiar and pressing necessities of the missionary work in Alaska, *Resolved,* That this Association cordially approves the threefold character of that work as projected by Rev. Loyol L. Wirt, in hospitals, reading-rooms, and churches, and commends it heartily to the churches of the Association.

This was adopted.

5. That we, the State Association of Congregational churches of Massachusetts, representing six hundred churches, with a membership of 112,000, in annual session assembled, do respectfully and earnestly petition the national Congress now in session, to enact a plain and specific statute forbidding the sale of alcoholic beverages in all places under federal control which are occupied by any portion of our army; that the secretary of the Association is instructed to forward this petition to Hon. E. H. Gillette, to be presented to Congress in behalf of the petitioners.

Voted, To refer this recommendation to the temperance committee to report upon at the next annual session of this Association.

The auditing committee recommended the apportionment of six cents per member for the present indebtedness of the Association and for the expenses of the ensuing year.

This recommendation was adopted.

The following resolution was then adopted: —

The General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, at the closing session of its ninety-eighth annual meeting, would express its appreciation of the Christian courtesy and hospitality that have been extended by the First church in Amherst, in generous provision for its entertainment. Our hearty thanks are due to the pastor and members of the church, and all who have co-operated with him; to the president and officers of Amherst College, who in many ways have extended such a cordial welcome; to those from outside the Association who have taken part in the program; to those who have enriched our services by the ministry of music, especially the choir of students, and to all who have contributed to the success of the gathering. Especially would we express our sense of loss in the absence of Prof. C. E. Garman, and our hope for his increase in health and strength. As we withdraw from the delightful fellowship of this favored place we carry a renewed sense of Christian responsibility and privilege, and cherish the hope that spiritual blessing may remain with this people as lasting evidence of the favor of our God.

Voted, That the "minutes" be referred to the registrar and assistant registrar for completion.

Closing words were spoken by the pastor of the church, Rev. Henry R. McCartney, and after prayer and the benediction the Association adjourned.

Rev. P. S. MOXOM, *Moderator.*

Rev. FRANCIS J. MARSH, *Registrar.*
Rev. A. J. DYER, *Assistant Registrar.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

EXPLANATIONS.

The tables which follow comprise: —

1. The list of Conferences, with the times of meeting and names of officers.

2. The statistics of pastoral supply, membership, additions, removals, baptisms, Sabbath schools, and families; of the Young People's Societies; those of charities and expenses. The tables, in accordance with the vote of the Association, in 1887, are made to conform to those in the YEAR-BOOK.

3. The statistics of ministers, lists of ordinations, installations, dismissals, and deaths.

The tables of the second part contain the names of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, the towns and cities being arranged alphabetically; churches in each town according to age.

The column specifying ministers is corrected up to the time of printing. Church members and families are reported as numbered on the morning of Jan. 1, 1900. Admissions, removals, and baptisms cover the year 1898. "Absent" are not additional to "males," "females," and "total," but included in them. "Sunday school" includes total membership of teachers and scholars, Jan. 1, 1900, or when the school is in operation (if not at that date), covering "branch schools," and "mission schools," so far as maintained by the reporting church.

The months and days in the dates of the organization of churches are omitted. They will be found in the publication of 1873, those of churches since organized being given in the list of new churches each year. Also the months and days in the dates of ordination and installation of ministers are omitted. The former may be found in the lists of the local Associations, pages 63–83.

"Ordained" denotes the date on which the person was originally set apart to the ministry by the "laying-on of hands." "Installed" denotes the date of his *present* pastorate.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, pastors installed or recognized by council are marked "*p. c.*"; pastors duly called by their churches and recognized by some "definite act of the church," but not by council, are marked "*p.*"; others in service are not marked, but in tabular summaries are counted as "supplies."

Blanks in any column of figures are never equivalent to "none," but mean "no report"; but blanks in the column of *ministers* do mean that the church has no pastor or acting pastor, and the blank is left for the convenience of those who note changes.

☞ All *post-office addresses* are to be found in the "List of Ministers," and NOT IN THE TABLES. H. A. H.

THE CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCHES.

1. ANDOVER. — Organized June 8, 1859.

CHURCHES. — In Andover: South; West; Free; Union, Ballardvale; Theological Seminary. In Chelmsford: 2d at North; Central. In Dracut: 1st; Central. In Lawrence: Lawrence Street; Trinity; South; United; Riverside. In Lowell: Pawtucket; 1st; Eliot; John Street; Kirk Street; High Street; *French;* Highland; *Swedish; Trinitarian; Norwegian.* Methuen. North Andover. Tewksbury. Tyngsboro. Total: 29 churches.

Albert W. Burnham, Lowell, *scribe and treasurer.* John L. Brewster, Andover, *statistical secretary.* Conference meets on the last Tuesday in April and the second Tuesday in October.

2. BARNSTABLE CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 28, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Barnstable: West; Centreville; Hyannis. Chatham. In Dennis: South; Union. In Falmouth: 1st; East; North; Waquoit; Woods Holl. Harwich; Harwich Port. Nantucket. Orleans. Provincetown. Sandwich. In Truro: 1st; North. In Wellfleet: 1st; South. In Yarmouth: 1st; West. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. John J. Walker, Yarmouth, *scribe, treasurer.* Conference meets on second Tuesdays in May and November.

3. BERKSHIRE NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 3, 1867.

CHURCHES. — Adams. Becket, North. Dalton. Hinsdale. Lanesboro. Middlefield. North Adams. Peru. In Pittsfield: 1st; 2d; South Pilgrim. Richmond. In Williamstown: 1st; College; South; White Oaks. Windsor. (Canaan and New Lebanon, N. Y.) Total: 18 churches.

Deacon George French, North Adams, *secretary and treasurer.* Annual meeting, second Wednesday in November; semi-annual, second Wednesday in May.

4. BERKSHIRE SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug. 29, 1860.

CHURCHES. — Becket Centre. Egremont South. In Great Barrington: 1st; Housatonic. Lee. Lenox. Monterey. Mount Washington. In New Marlboro: 1st; Southfield; Mill River. Otis. In Sandisfield: 1st; New Boston. Sheffield. In Stockbridge: 1st; Curtisville. In West Stockbridge: Village; Centre. Total: 19 churches.

Bennett T. Gale, Lee, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Walter W. Curtis, West Stockbridge, *statistical secretary.* Annual meeting in November.

5. BROOKFIELD CONFERENCE. — Organized June 13, 1821.

CHURCHES. — Barre. Brimfield. Brookfield. Charlton. Dana. Dudley. In Hardwick: 1st; Gilbertville. Holland. New Braintree. In North Brookfield: 1st; Union. Oakham. Southbridge. Spencer. Sturbridge. In Ware: 1st; East; *French.* Warren. West Brookfield. Total: 21 churches.

Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, Oakham, *scribe and treasurer.*

Meetings: annual, first Tuesday in May, 2 days; semi-annual, third Tuesday in September, 1 day.

6. ESSEX NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized April 30, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Amesbury: 1st; Union. Boxford, West. In Bradford: 1st; Ward Hill. In Georgetown: 1st; Memorial. Groveland. In Haverhill: West; 4th; Centre; North; Riverside; Union; St. Johns, *French*. In Ipswich: 1st; Linebrook. Merrimac. In Newbury: 1st; Byfield. In Newburyport: North; Prospect Street; Belleville; Whitefield. Rowley. In West Newbury: 1st; 2d. Total: 27 churches.

Rev. David C. Torrey, Byfield, *scribe*. Rev. John N. Lowell, Haverhill, *statistical secretary and treasurer*. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and October.

7. ESSEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Beverly: North; Dane Street; Washington Street. Boxford. In Danvers: 1st; Maple Street. Essex. In Gloucester: West; Trinity; Lanesville; Magnolia. Hamilton. Ipswich South. In Lynn: 1st; Central; Chestnut Street; North; *Swedish*. In Lynnfield: Centre; 2d. Manchester. Marblehead. Middleton. In Peabody: South; Rockville; West. In Rockport: 1st; Pigeon Cove; *Swedish*. In Salem: Tabernacle; South; Crombie Street. Saugus; 1st, and Cliftondale. Swampscott. Topsfield. Wenham. Total: 37 churches.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. A. J. Covell, Lynn *statistical scribe*. Conference meets on the second Wednesdays of May and Octobe r

8. FRANKLIN CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 10, 1843.

CHURCHES. — Ashfield. Bernardston. Buckland. In Charlemont: 1st; East. Colerain. Conway. In Deerfield: South; Orthodox. Erving. Gill. In Greenfield: 1st; 2d. In Hawley: East; West. Leverett, Moore's Corner. In Montague: 1st; Miller's Falls; Turner's Falls. Northfield. In Orange: Central; *Swedish*. In Shelburne: 1st; Falls. Shutesbury. Sunderland. Warwick. Wendell Centre. Whately. Total: 29 churches.

Rev. Edward P. Butler, Sunderland, *scribe and treasurer*. Conference meets second Wednesday and Thursday in September.

9. HAMPDEN CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 4, 1850.

CHURCHES. — In Agawam: Feeding Hills; 2d. Blandford: 1st; 2d. In Chester: 1st; 2d. In Chicopee: 1st; 2d; 3d. In Granville: East; West. Hampden. In Holyoke: 1st; 2d; *French*. Huntington, 2d. In Longmeadow: 1st; East. In Ludlow: 1st; Mills. Monson. In Palmer: 1st; 2d; Three Rivers. South Hadley Falls. Southwick. In Springfield: 1st; Olivet; South; North; Indian Orchard; Sandford st.; Hope; *French;* Eastern Avenue; Emmanuel; Park; *Swedish;* Faith. Tolland. In Westfield: 1st; 2d. In West Springfield: 1st; Mittineague; Park st. In Wilbraham: Centre; North. Total, 47 churches.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, *scribe*. Frank P. Searle, Westfield, *treasurer*. Conference meets last Tuesday in October; semi-annual meeting in April.

10. HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE. — Organized February, 1865.

CHURCHES. — Chesterfield. In Cummington: East; West. In Easthampton: 1st; Payson. Goshen. Hatfield. Huntington, 1st. In Northampton: 1st;

Edwards; Florence. Plainfield. Southampton. Westhampton. In Williamsburg: 1st; Haydenville. Worthington. Total: 17 churches.

W. M. Purrington, Haydenville, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. John Pierpont, Westhampton, *statistical secretary.* Conference meets in the spring and fall at the call of the executive committee.

11. HAMPSHIRE EAST CONFERENCE. — Organized Dec. 13, 1860.

Churches. — In Amherst: 1st; 2d; College; North; South. Belchertown. Enfield. Granby. Greenwich. In Hadley: 1st; 2d. Leverett. In Pelham: 1st; Packardville. Prescott. South Hadley, 1st. Total: 16 churches.

Dea. M. B. Kingman, Amherst, *registrar and treasurer.* Rev. George E. Fisher, North Amherst, *statistical secretary.* Semi-annual meeting, last Tuesday in April; annual, third Tuesday in October.

12. MENDON CONFERENCE. — Organized April 12, 1858.

Churches. — Foxboro. Franklin. Mansfield. Medfield. In Medway: Village; West; 3d. Milford. Millis. Norfolk. Walpole. Wrentham. Total: 12 churches.

Rev. James W. Flagg, Foxboro, *scribe and treasurer.* Conference meets third Wednesday of April and October.

13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Aug. 20, 1828.

Churches. — Ashland. Dover. In Framingham: Plymouth; Saxonville; South. Holliston. Hopkinton. Hudson. Lincoln. In Marlboro: 1st; *French.* Maynard. In Natick: 1st; South. Northboro. Sherborn. In Southboro: Pilgrim; Southville. Sudbury. Wayland. Wellesley. Total: 21 churches.

Rev. Edward H. Chandler, Wellesley, *scribe and treasurer.* Meetings, third Tuesdays of April and October.

14. MIDDLESEX UNION CONFERENCE. — Organized May 8, 1853.

Churches. — Acton: 1st; South. Ashby. Ayer. Boxboro. Concord. Dunstable. In Fitchburg: Calvinist; Rollstone; *German; Swedish.* Groton: 1st; West. Harvard. Lancaster. In Leominster: Centre; North. Littleton. Lunenburg. Pepperell. Shirley Village. Townsend. Westford. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Joel D. Miller, Leominster, *scribe and treasurer.* Annual meeting, third Wednesday in October. Spring meeting in April.

15. NORFOLK CONFERENCE. — Organized June 14, 1827.

Churches. — In Abington: 1st; North. In Braintree: 1st; South. In Bridgewater: Central Square; Scotland. In Brockton: 1st; Campello; Porter Evan.; *Swedish;* Waldo; Wendell av.; Lincoln. In Cohasset: Evangelical; Beechwood. East Bridgewater. In Easton: 1st; *Swedish.* In Hingham: 1st; Nantasket. Holbrook. In Milton: 1st, East. In Quincy: Evangelical; Washington st., *Swedish.* Randolph. Rockland. Sharon. Stoughton. In Weymouth: 1st; 2d, South; Landing; Union, South; North; East. Whitman. Total: 37 churches.

Rev. A. H. Fuller, Easton Center, *scribe.* Dea. Sanford W. Billings, Sharon, *treasurer.* Rev. Frank E. Butler, South Weymouth, *statistical secretary.* Meetings first Tuesday in May, and last Tuesday in September.

16. OLD COLONY CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept. 23, 1856.

CHURCHES. — Dartmouth South. Edgartown. Fairhaven. Marion. Mattapoisett. In Middleboro: 1st; Central. In New Bedford: 1st; North; Trinitarian. In Rochester: 1st; North; East. Wareham. Westport. West Tisbury. Total: 18 churches.

Rev. William Carruthers, P. O. box, 283, Holyoke, *scribe and treasurer*. Conference meets for a two-days session the third Tuesday in April and the last Tuesday in October.

17. PILGRIM CONFERENCE. — Organized April 27, 1830.

CHURCHES. — Carver North. Duxbury. Halifax. In Hanover: 1st; 2d. Hanson. Kingston. In Marshfield: 1st; 2d. In Plymouth: Manomet; Pilgrimage; Chiltonville. Plympton. Scituate. Total: 14 churches.

Rev. Albert Bryant, Scituate (Egypt p. o.), *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. F. W. Manning, Marshfield, *statistical secretary*. Conference meets 3d Tuesdays in April, July and October, for two-days session each.

18. SUFFOLK NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — Arlington, 1st; Heights. In Boston: 1st and Winthrop, Charlestown; Maverick, East Boston; Mt. Vernon and Seamen's; E. Bostou, Baker. In Cambridge: 1st; 1st Cambridgeport; North Avenue; Pilgrim, Wood Memorial, and Hope, Cambridgeport. In Chelsea: 1st; Central; 3d. In Everett: 1st; Courtland st.; Mystic Side. In Revere: 1st; Beachmont. In Somerville: 1st; Broadway; West; Prospect Hill; Winter Hill; Highlands. Winthrop. Total: 29 churches.

Frank E. Hodgkins, 428 Broadway, Somerville, *scribe and treasurer*. Rev. Samuel M. Cathcart, Chelsea, *statistical secretary*. Meetings on the second Wednesdays of April and October.

19. SUFFOLK SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized May 23, 1861.

CHURCHES. — In Bostou: Dorchester, 2d; Union; Phillips, South Boston; Dorchester Village; Eliot, Roxbury; West Roxbury; Central and Boylston, Jamaica Plain; Immanuel, Roxbury; Trinity, Neponset; Pilgrim, Dorchester; Highland and Walnut Avenue, Roxbury; Olivet; Harvard and Central, Dorchester; Roslindale; St. Marks. Canton. Dedham. In Hyde Park: 1st; Clarendon. Norwood. In Quincy: Atlantic; Wollaston Heights. Norfolk Downs. East Walpole. Westwood, Islington. Total: 28 churches.

Rev. Eugene C. Webster, Neponset, *scribe*. E. S. Hathaway, Hyde Park, *treasurer*. Harry G. Dixon, Neponset, *statistical secretary*. Meetings on the third Wednesdays in April and October.

20. SUFFOLK WEST CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 17, 1873.

CHURCHES. — In Belmont: Waverly; Plymouth. In Boston: Old South; Park st.; Berkeley Temple; Brighton; Central; Shawmut; Allston; *Norwegian* and *Swedish*. Brookline: Harvard; Leyden. Needham. In Newton: 1st, Newton Center; 2d, West Newton; Eliot; Auburndale; Nonantum; Central, Newtonville; Highlands. Waltham: 1st; *Swedish*. Watertown. Wellesley Hills. Weston. Total: 26 churches.

Rev. Parris T. Farwell, Wellesley Hills, *recording and statistical secretary*. Benjamin F. Dewing, 11 Milford Street, Boston, *treasurer*. Meetings, second Wednesdays of April and October.

21. TAUNTON CONFERENCE. — Organized Oct. 2, 1849.

CHURCHES. — Attleboro. Berkley. Dighton. In Fall River: 1st; Central; 3d; *French;* Broadway. Assonet in Freetown. Lakeville. Middleboro North. North Attleboro: 1st; Falls; Trinity. Norton. In Raynham: 1st; North. Rehoboth. Somerset. In Taunton: West; Trinitarian; Winslow; East; Union. Total: 24 churches.

Rev. F. L. Luce, Taunton, *scribe.* Thomas Chew, Box 460, Fall River, *treasurer.* Conference holds two sessions annually of one day each, in the spring and fall.

22. WOBURN CONFERENCE. — Organized Sept 5, 1848.

CHURCHES. — Bedford. Billerica. Burlington. Carlisle. Hancock, Lexington In Malden: 1st; Maplewood; Linden. In Medford: Mystic; West ; South. In Melrose: 1st; Highlands. North Reading. Reading. Stoneham. Wakefield. Wilmington. Winchester. In Woburn: 1st; North; *Scandinavian ;* Montvale. Total: 23 churches.

Rev. Isaac Pierson, Medford, *scribe and treasurer.* Meetings on the last Tuesdays of April and October.

23. WORCESTER CENTRAL CONFERENCE. — Organized April 28, 1852.

CHURCHES. — Auburn. Berlin. Boylston. Clinton: 1st ; *German ;* Holden. Leicester. Oxford. Paxton. Princeton. Rutland. Shrewsbury. Sterling. West Boylston. In Worcester : Old South ; Central ; Union ; Summer st. ; Plymouth ; Piedmont; *Swedish;* Pilgrim ; Park ; Covenant ; Hope ; Lake View ; Bethany; *Armenian ;* Immanuel; *Swedish, 2d,* Adams Square. Total: 31 churches.

Rev. W. Phillips, 12 Princeton st., Worcester, *scribe and treasurer.* Rev. Thomas E. Babb, Holden, *statistical secretary.* Conference meets on the Tuesday following the second Monday in May, and on the Tuesday following third Monday in October.

24. WORCESTER NORTH CONFERENCE. — Organized Nov. 24, 1827.

CHURCHES. — In Ashburnham : 1st; North. Athol. Baldwinville. Gardner. Hubbardston. New Salem. In Orange: North. Petersham. Phillipston. In Royalton: 1st; South. Templeton. Westminster. In Winchendon : 1st; North. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. G. W. Jones, Winchendon, *scribe.* Meetings in October and May.

25. WORCESTER SOUTH CONFERENCE. — Organized June 17, 1828.

CHURCHES. — In Blackstone: 1st; Millville. In Douglas : 1st; East. In Grafton: 1st; Saundersville. In Millbury: 1st ; 2d. In Northbridge : 1st ; Whitinsville; Rockdale. Sutton. Upton. Uxbridge. Webster. Westboro. Total: 16 churches.

Rev. John R. Thurston, Whitinsville, *scribe.* Dea. Amos Armsby, Millbury, *treasurer.* Meetings on fourth Thursdays of April and October.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.		MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Abington,	1712		De Mont Goodyear,	'00	'00	44	108	152	36	2	2	4	6	9	0	-15	1	0
" North,	1839	Dea. Cyrus Orcutt,	George Benedict, *p.*	'86	'97	26	59	85	17	5	4	9	2	0	0	+2	1	2
Acton,	1832	Horace F. Tuttle,	Bernard Copping, *p. c.*	'79	'94	25	60	85	22	3	1	4	4	0	0	-4	2	0
" South,	1893	Edgar I. Banks,	Wilson R. Buxton, *p. c.*	'94	'94	23	47	70	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2
Adams,	1840	Dea. E. W. Streeter,	Alford B. Penniman, *p.c.*	'83	'94	141	271	412	20	9	6	15	3	2	0	+5	4	5
Agawam, Feeding Hills,	1762	Mrs. Julia A. Bailey,	Frank L. Garfield, *p. c.*	'93	'92	16	37	53	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
"	1819	Mrs. C. L. Hayward,	Walter Rice, *p. c.*	'65	'92	85	96	181	54	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	0
Amesbury, Main st.,	1831	Joseph L. Batchelder,	[James D. Dingwell.]		'00	136	244	380	58	0	1	1	6	4	0	10	0	5
" Union,	1835	Miss Lois L. Fifield,	George W. Christie, *p. c.*	'73	'91	19	80	99	22	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
Amherst, 1st,	1739	Jonathan A. Rawson,	Henry R. McCartney, *p. c.*	'87	'98	124	307	431	67	3	6	9	14	7	0	21	0	4
" 2d,	1782	Herbert Sabin,	Chester W. Hawley, *p.*	'61	'98	45	111	156	30	1	2	3	1	4	2	7	1	0
" College,	1826	William I. Fletcher,	Henry P. Smith, *p.*	'75	'98	213	59	272	187	4	8	12	3	12	0	15	2	0
" North,	1826	Miss M. E. Harrington,	Eber W. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'73	'90	72	152	224	32	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	0	1
" South,	1858	Miss Minnie L. Dana,	John F. Gleason, *p.*	'73	'95	64	94	158	20	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	2
Andover, South,	1711	Myron E. Gutterson,	Frank B. Shipman, *p. c.*	'93	'93	102	353	355	56	7	7	14	4	3	0	7	3	11
" West,	1826	Arthur T. Boutwell,	George A. Andrews, *p. c.*	'99	'99	83	153	236	40	1	2	3	6	4	0	10	0	5
" Free,	1846	Charles Baldwin,	Frederick A. Wilson, *p. c.*	'82	'89	98	256	354	90	8	4	12	9	4	6	19	2	8
" Ballardvale,	1854	William Shaw,	Edwin Smith, *p.*	'65	'99	34	73	107	28	2	7	9	3	3	0	6	0	1
" Seminary,	1865	Prof. Egbert C. Smyth,	The Professors,			86	105	191	51	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1
Arlington,	1842	Elbert L. Churchill,	Samuel C. Bushnell, *p. c.*	'79	'90	78	181	259	37	9	13	22	8	6	0	14	4	2
" Heights,	1899	Edward W. Nicoll,	John G. Taylor,	'73	'00	20	36	56	0	5	51	56	0	0	0	0	1	2
Ashburnham, 1st,	1760	Fred. D. Lane,	Nathan T. Dyer, *p.*	'78	'97	34	76	110	32	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0
" North,	1843																	
Ashby,	1776	Horace S. Brooks,	Herbert W. Boyd, *p. c.*	'86	'97	67	114	181	45	3	2	5	1	0	4	5	3	3
Ashfield,	1763	John M. Sears,	Horace F. Hallett, *p.*	'91	'99	58	110	168	20	0	0	0	7	3	4	-14	0	0
Ashland,	1835	Dea. Edward Perry,				21	58	79	18	0	2	2	0	3	6	-9	0	0
Athol,	1830	C. K. Wood,	Rolla G. Bugbee, *p.*	'76	'97	79	227	306	37	1	8	9	7	11	0	-18	1	4
Attleboro',	1748	Dea. A. Vinton Cobb,	Wilson S. Fritch, *p. c.*	'93	'99	128	349	477	68	3	11	14	9	7	0	-16	3	1
Auburn,	1776	William F. Stone,	Charles M. Pierce, *p.*	'63	'90	43	75	118	38	0	0	0	3	2	0	-5	0	0
Ayer,	1861	Lester C. Bruce.	John C. Handy, *p.*	'99	'99	22	60	82	24	1	0	1	2	3	0	-5	1	0
Barnstable, West,	1616	Rev. Edgar B. French,	Edgar B. French, *p.*	'97	'97	18	46	64	18	0	4	4	1	0	0	+1	0	0
" Centerville,	1840	Miss Nellie B. Kelley,	Bartlett H. Weston, *p.*	'90	'98	10	41	51	13	0	4	4	0	2	0	-2	0	0
" Hyannis,	1854	Dea. W. A. Perry,	Edgar C. Wheeler, *p.*	'96	'99	10	30	40	1	0	3	3	0	1	0	+1	0	0
Barre,	1827	C. S. Root, Barre Plains,	Joseph F. Gaylord, *p. c.*	'67	'79	46	110	156	34	1	4	5	4	1	2	-7	0	1
Becket, Center,	1758	Mrs. L. O. Ellsworth,				9	18	27	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	0
" North,	1849	Dea. Jarvis Norcutt,				33	64	97	29	3	0	3	1	1	0	-2	3	0
Bedford,	1730	William E. Wilkins,	Frank B. McAllister, *p.*	'99	'99	52	94	146	55	0	0	0	1	0	43	-44	0	0
Belchertown,	1737	Mrs. T. W. Chapman,				61	135	196	44	0	0	0	6	5	9	-20	0	0

Acushnet, *see* New Bedford. Assonet, *see* Freetown. Atlantic, *see* Quincy. Attleboro Falls, *see* N. Attleboro. Auburndale, *see* Newton.
Baldwinville, *see* Templeton. Ballardvale, *see* Andover. Beechwood, *see* Cohasset.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Abington,	Wm. S. O'Brien,	237	102	150	33	$78	$6	$8	$34	$5	$32	$ 0	$26	$189	$ 0	$1,921
" North,	Wm. C. Brett,	115	66	100	64	11	2	0	0	0	15	0	10	38	0	1,150
Acton,	Charles E. Smith,	90	60	100	45	41	4	5	31	8	17	3	28	137	0	1,050
" South,	William F. Hale,	100	65	85	49	25	0	0	15	0	5	0	70	115	0	1,177
Adams,	Wm. B. Plunkett,	566	388	360	76	216	17	10	97	44	0	32	21	437	0	7,300
Agawam,	Rev. Frank L. Garfield,	60	31	56	19	57	11	17	16	13	12	0	3	129	0	450
"	Dea. Wm. H. Porter,	103	44	98	83	98	55	0	32	12	20	0	45	262	0	1,526
Amesbury,	Thomas Clark,	200	150	300	57	230	25	5	142	18	0	5	221	646	0	3,927
"	Rev. G. W. Christie,	128	80	119	48	48	4	12	50	18	31	0	78	241	0	1,420
Amherst, 1st,	Joseph W. Fairbanks,	190	145	250	118	598	13	29	452	142	42	25	10	1,311	0	3,955
" 2d,	Rev. Chester W. Hawley,	140	64	100	66	27	25	0	21	17	6	0	7	103	0	1,309
" College,				23		882	13	20	253	43	0	0	63	1,274	0	132
" North,	Howard A. Parsons,	165	106	113	92	148	23	14	122	63	15	11	53	449	0	1,600
" South,	George O. Hannum,	158	98	95	65	100	8	22	120	38	7	8	100	403	0	1,215
Andover, South,	Charles H. Gilbert,	m383	246	275	108	683	442	60	833	496	78	0	663	3,255	200	3,785
" West,	Frederick S. Boutwell,	85	45	90	42	111	0	0	90	55	0	0	150	406	0	1,450
" Free,	J. Newton Cole,	273	172	200	114	123	109	43	164	103	0	0	158	700	0	2,816
" Ballardvale,	William Shaw,	130	90	65	104	119	89	35	73	57	26	0	164	563	0	1,058
" Seminary,	Matthew S. McCurdy,	45	35		0	685	4,093	41	453	229	0	24	680	6,205	0	629
Arlington,	R. Walter Hilliard,	312	194	200	100	240	55	55	153	209	69	27	46	854	0	7,098
" Heights,	Minot A. Bridgham,	130	98	50	94	25	0	0	25	0	0	0	70	120	0	1,000
Ashburnh'm, 1st,	Fred D. Lane,	114	71	100	58	0	0	0	13	7	0	0	25	45	0	3,700
" North,																
Ashby,	Walter J. Smith,	152	70	89	71	43	23	11	61	23	18	0	134	313	0	1,228
Ashfield,	Frederick H. Smith,	125	66	125	28	75	0	28	58	0	0	0	15	176	0	1,100
Ashland,	Rev. G. W. Lawrence,	95	52	75	31	7	0	5	9	9	10	0	20	60	0	1,300
Athol,	Daniel P. Kimball,	275	159	200	112	181	0	0	178	70	25	0	100	554	0	2,100
Attleboro',	William P. Kelley,	423	270		61	565	47	58	670	62	53	2	200	1,657	0	4,754
Auburn,	Mrs. Julia F. Bancroft,	130	75	87	40	79	0	33	58	49	33	0	9	261	0	1,167
Ayer,	Wm. McLean,	110	50	88	53	26	0	11	5	0	2	0	5	49	0	1,687
Barnstable, W.,	W. F. Jenkins,	80	37	100	51	21	0	10	77	10	5	0	8	131	0	535
" Centreville,	Mrs. C. E. Whitford,	90	58	60	30	10	0	0	137	55	13	0	0	215	0	728
" Hyannis,	Mrs. George T. Taylor,	88	63	41	46	18	10	6	15	12	10	0	0	71	0	1,000
Barre,	Charles G. Allen,	167	61	110	52	286	17	0	210	114	19	0	37	683	0	1,600
Becket, Center,	Francis Alderman,	35	31	25	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	375
" North,	George L. Johnson,	83	51	43	0	27	0	0	15	17	10	0	0	69	0	850
Bedford,	Wallace G. Webber,	170	94	150	50	69	0	4	45	10	0	0	72	200	0	1,550
Belchertown,	George B. Jackson,	177	88	76	50	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	55	0	1,000

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Belmont, Waverley,	1865	Walter R. Lamkin,	George P. Gilman, *p.*	'72	'83	26	47	73	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	5
" Plymouth,	1899	Miss Bertha Macurdy,	Elbridge Whiting, *p.* c.	'91	'99	13	18	31	0	14	17	31	0	0	0	0	4	0
Berkley,	1737	Dea. Rollin H. Babbitt,				24	50	74	15	0	2	2	3	1	3	7	0	0
Berlin,	1779	J. Edmund Coulson,	[Arthur P. Pratt, *Lic.*]		'98	30	59	89	24	11	0	11	1	0	0	1	9	0
Bernardston,	1824	Dea. Henry Slate,			'88	24	40	64	11	2	0	2	1	4	0	5	2	0
Beverly, North,	1715	Charles S. Brown,	[Ernest C. Waring, *Meth.*]	'97	'98	21	41	62	8	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0
" Dane st.,	1802	Louis H. Baker,	Edwin H. Byington,	'87	'00	132	313	445	33	4	2	6	5	6	0	11	4	4
" Washington st.,	1837	W. A. Lefavour,	Edward F. Sanderson, *p.c.*	'99	'99	64	168	232	42	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	0
Billerica,	1829	Rev. Daniel W. Hardy,	Daniel W. Hardy, *p.*	'74	'93	30	58	88	10	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	0	1
Blackstone,	1841	C. H. Lee,	Walter H. Rollins, *p.*	'98	'98	13	29	42	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Millville.	1891	Arthur Westberg,	[Alexander J. Monson, *Lic.*]		'98	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	6
Blandford, 1st,	1735	C. B. Hayden,	Allan C. Ferrin, *p.* c.	'96	'96	23	58	81	18	0	3	3	5	3	0	8	0	0
" **North,**	1893	Mrs. Emeline C. Pease,	Allan C. Ferrin, *p.*	'96	'96	8	32	40	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Boston, **Charlestown,**	1632	Gardner Bates,	Charles H. Pope, *p.*	'65	'96	38	113	151	70	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	0	2
" Old South,	1669	J. Converse Gray,	George A. Gordon, *p. c.a*	'77	'84	225	472	697	0	14	21	35	13	14	0	27	4	9
" 2d, **Dorchester,**	1808	William D. Brigham,	Arthur Little, *p.* c.	'63	'89	236	456	692	85	13	21	34	13	20	2	35	3	11
" Park st.,	1809	William J. Usher,	[John L. Withrow, *Pres.*]	'63	'98	327	524	851										
" Union,	1822	Edward S. Chapin,	Samuel L. Loomis, *p.* c.	'80	'96	160	373	533	75	23	28	51	7	25	7	39	8	6
" Phillips, **South,**	1823	Dea. W. B. Bancroft,	Charles A. Dinsmore, *p.c.b*	'85	'96	202	525	727	200	29	0	29	13	10	0	23	9	10
" Berkeley Temple,	1827	Miss I. Burnham,	Charles A. Dickinson, *p.c.*	'79	'88	339	570	909	114	28	14	42	5	43	293	341	16	24
" **Brighton,**	1827	George E. Brock,	Adolph A. Berle, *p.* c.	'87	'91	69	151	220	0	5	2	7	4	11	0	15	3	6
" Village, **Dorchester,**	'29	Dea. Fred M. Swan,	Geo. Wolcott Brooks, *p.*	'77	'90	71	148	219	43	11	3	14	7	1	0	8	8	2
" Winth'p, **Charlest'n,**	'33	L. E. Sweetland,	William B. Forbush, *p.c.*	'92	'98	89	285	374	0	11	15	26	4	13	0	17	1	13
" **Eliot, Roxbury,**	1834	James S. Barrows,	{ August'sC.Thompson *p.c.* { Winfred C. Rhoades, *p. c.*	'42 '99	'99	111	248	359	120	3	6	9	11	7	0	18	0	2
" Central,	1835	Thomas H. Russell,	Edward L. Clark, *p.* c.	'61	'93	71	177	248		14	21	35	13	14		27	4	9
" **W. Roxbury,**	1835	Edward W. Schuerch,	Frank W. Merrick, *p.* c.	'91	'93	55	134	189	33	2	9	11	4	4	0	8	1	10
" Maverick, **East,**	1836	J. Willard Brown,	Oren D. Fisher, *p.*	'75	'99	126	321	447	210	37	17	54	5	12	0	17	8	12
" Mt. Vernon,	1842	Sanford Keith,	Samuel E. Herrick, *p.* c.	'63	'71	134	235	369	42	14	12	26	8	3	0	11	5	4
" Shawmut,	1845	Charles P. Loring,	{ Edwin B. Webb, *p.c., em.* { WilliamT.McElveen,*p.c.*	'50 '90	'99	149	310	459	0	27	19	46	4	21	0	25	3	2
" **Jamaica Plain,**	1853	George F. Partridge,	Charles L. Morgan, *p.* c.	'76	'94	193	432	625	125	9	25	34	3	22	2	27	6	18
" Immanuel, **Roxb'y,**	1857	T. Franklin Currier,	Charles H. Beale, *p.* c.	'80	'94	113	289	402	81	8	17	25	8	13	0	21	2	6
" **Neponset,**	1859		Edwin L. Noble, *p.*	'96	'99	42	73	115	32	6	7	13	2	3	0	5	0	2
" Pilgrim, **Dorche'r,**	1867	Charles H. Crockett,	Wm. H. Allbright, *p. c.d*	'79	'90	141	325	466	24	18	31	49	5	15	19	39	3	12
" Highland, **Roxb'y,**	1869	Carle J. Youngren,	William R. Campbell, *p. c.*	'81	'81	149	333	482	187	21	13	34	3	11	2	16	6	22
" Walnut av., **Roxb'y,**	'70	Chas. H. W. Wood,	Albert H. Plumb, *p. c. e*	'58	'72	135	282	417	32	3	16	19	3	13	1	17	0	3
" Olivet,	1876	Miss Susan C. Smith,	Robert F. Gordon, *p.*	'75	'99	23	58	81	25	15	2	17	0	4	0	4	2	6
" Boylston, **Ja. Plain,**	1879	R. T. Jackson, Jr.,	Ellis Mendell, *p.* c.	'79	'88	72	188	260	76	4	5	9	3	14	0	17	1	6
" *Swed.,*	1881					62	153	215										
" *Norwegian,*	1885	G. A. Rude,	Morten Olsen, *p.*	'95	'94	23	33	56	6	7	0	7	5	4	0	9	0	10

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d William H. Alexander, asst. p., '91, '00. *e* [Andrew J. Purdy, asst. p.] '99.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Belmont,	H. E. Carpenter,	125	72	75	60	19	4	4	17	5	1	0	30	80	0	1,800
" Plymouth,	William H. Gould,	90	65	45	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	10	0	360
Berkley,	Mrs. Nellie Strange,	55	34	61	9	27	0	5	7	0	6	0	49	94	0	1,015
Berlin,	Charles M. Sawyer,	89	43	45	38	8	0	0	6	3	0	0	12	29	0	1,778
Bernardston,	Alonzo Alvord,	84	36	50	20	28	13	16	23	10	8	3	23	124	4,710	785
Beverly, North,	Charles S. Brown,	169	95	90	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	26	0	0
" Dane st.,	James H. Moulton,	680	411	400	75	812	151	24	509	242	45	45	435	2,263	0	5,500
" Wash'ton st.,	Samuel Cole,	278	125	260	46	120	7	12	20	10	7	0	180	356	0	3,500
Billerica,	John E. Bull,	135	80	56	41	60	5	0	42	32	13	5	15	172	5,000	1,075
Blackstone,	Fred Fallows,	80	51	75	67	58	14	10	22	16	22	0	27	169	0	775
" Millville,	Frank L. Carlson,		10	42		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	135
Blandford, 1st,	Miss L. B. Tiffany,	100	40	45	21	94	0	10	35	15	8	6	8	176	0	1,668
" North,	H. L. Pease,	65	47	50	24	5	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	12	0	400
Boston, Ch'st'n,	Henry Brower,	102	61	75	25	122	0	0	87	67	15	0	90	381	0	2,000
" Old South,	Rev. H. O. Hannum,	m516	320			8,302	717	285	10,362	543	463	0	13,694	34,366	0	0
" 2d, Dorch'r,	William Q. Wales,	971	404	585	184	2,612	1,714	358	3,284	589	224	0	860	9,641	0	8,889
" Park st.,		276	179													
" Union,	Lucius P. Lane,	420	303	500	142	1,347	14	35	787	1,633	103	0	164	4,083	0	8,534
" Phillips, South	Rev. Percy H. Epler,	m1122	520	600	489	374	0	0	996	75	30	0	296	1,771	0	9,173
" Berkeley Tem.	Rev. Wm. S. Kelsey,	615	308	600	200	35	0	0	18	42	15	0	1,487	1,597	0	8,867
" Brighton,	E. W. Ward,	m300	232	300	103	447	0	0	116	905	0	0	963	2,431	0	5,033
" Village, Dorc.	George E. Wales,	221	159	142	127	255	9	7	232	16	0	9	162	690	0	3,034
" Winth'p, C'n,	Mrs. L. E. Hapenny,	391	257	412	110	428	56	41	472	56	0	0	921	1,974	100	5,739
" Eliot, Roxb.,	Clarence T. Mooar,	339	223	210	130	1,226	0	0	1,130	0	0	0	123	2,479	0	4,059
" Central,	John A. Bennett,	50	35			2,163	43	303	2,814	294	195	0	1,702	7,514	0	14,000
" W. Roxbury,	Arthur J. Crockett,	229	140	221	31	704	0	3	419	95	4	0	135	1,360	0	4,882
" Mave'k, East,	Dea. Elmer H. Allen,	431	241	300	88	571	41	0	704	51	8	0	223	1,598	0	5,164
" Mt. Vernon,	D. R. Craig,	196	113	350	50	2,927	0	0	1,804	700	0	18	777	6,226	100	10,000
" Shawmut,	Dr F. E. Bundy,	381	230		110	1,057	162	70	893	203	40	0	0	2,425	0	9,816
" Jamaica Pl.,	J. Wesley Farmer,	526	326	475	134	569	213	135	1,313	287	176	35	403	3,131	0	6,544
" Imman'l, Rox.	Dea. Asa H. Porter,	468	313	250	103	908	1,044	0	1,340	371	113	0	690	4,466	0	7,800
" Neponset,	Harry G. Dixon,	213	107	100	105	110	10	16	65	14	15	0	32	262	0	1,309
" Pilg'm, Dorch.	Ernest L. Miller,	m697	439	458	238	386	41	49	623	35	19	0	890	2,043	0	9,965
" Highl'd, Rox.,	Charles L. Ziegler,	655	342	400	45	331	0	20	591	15	38	0	5	1,000	0	5,017
" Walnut av., R.	Frank O. Whitney,	509	325	200	100	1,217	3	8	2,091	214	56	0	0	3,589	0	9,004
" Olivet,	A. M. Clement,	265	111	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	29	32	0	1,425
" Boylston, J. P.	S. R. Crocker,	515	230	300	86	410	20	23	87	49	22	0	327	938	0	3,269
" *Swed.*,																
" *Norw.*,	Gabriel A. Rund,	25	12	45		0	0	0	5	0	0	0	88	93	0	935

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City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Boston, **Allston,**	1886	James L. Ball,	John O. Haarvig, *p. c.*	'83	'95	121	241	362	40	6	22	28	4	14	0	-18	2	5
" Harvard, **Dorch'r,**	1888	Henry N. Marr,	William T. Beale, *p. c.*	'82	'99	37	94	131	15	0	8	8	2	3	0	-5	0	8
" Central, **Dorch'r,**	1888	F. W. Thurston,	George H. Flint, *p.*	'94	'99	42	74	116	34	1	4	5	2	11	2	-15	0	13
" Seamen's,	1888	Mrs. M. J. Derby,	Sylvester S.Nickerson, *p.c.*	'76	'82	80	15	95	0	2	1	3	0	1	0	-1	0	4
" **Roslindale,**	1890	Dea. Henry H. Cole,	J. Spencer Voorhees, *p. c.*	'84	'99	60	142	202	27	2	14	16	4	6	0	-10	1	7
" St. Mark's,	1895	Charles F. Shorter,	[Samuel A. Brown,]		'99	11	23	34	2	14	2	16	0	0	0	-0	0	1
" Baker, **E. Boston,**	1897	A. J. Page,	James C. Young, *p. c.*	'91	'97	22	56	78	8	11	2	13	1	3	0	4	2	18
Boxboro, **West Acton,**	1784	A. W. Wetherbee,	William C. Martyn, *p. c.*	'98	'98	24	41	65	21	5	6	11	1	0	0	-1	2	0
Boxford,	1702	John W. Parkhurst,	Emery L. Bradford, *p. c.*	'92	'92	32	87	119	30	0	0	0	2	2	0	-4	0	4
" **West,**	1736	Rev. Chas. L. Hubbard,	Charles L. Hubbard. *p. c.*	'68	'78	24	45	69	8	0	1	1	3	0	0	-3	0	1
Boylston, **Center,**	1743	Mrs. Charles Bray,	Samuel B. Cooper, *p.*	'98	'98	45	79	124	55	0	0	0	5	3	2	10	0	2
Braintree, 1st,	1707	Dr. W. Gallagher, **S. B.**	Alfred A. Ellsworth, *p. c.*	'62	'85	45	141	186	30	8	11	19	3	1	0	+4	3	3
" **South,**	1829	Frank A. Reed,	Chas. F. H. Crathern, *p.*	'86	'96	24	64	88	12	2	1	3	2	0	0	+2	2	1
Bridgewater,	1821	Charles P. Sinnott,	Elbert C. Porter, *p. c.*	'83	'89	81	179	260	65	2	9	11		7	0	-14	1	2
" **Scotland,**	1836	Mrs. T. C. Wilbur, **B.,**	Ira A. Smith, *p.*	'82	'96	12	25	37	13	0	1	1	0	0	1	△1	0	0
Brimfield,	1724	Dea. Edward B. Brown,	William P. Clancy,	'75	'00	30	49	79	22	1	1	2	1	1	3	-5	0	0
Brockton, 1st,	1740	H. Sturtevant Francis,	Alan Hudson, *p. c.*	'92	'96	102	278	380	0	12	8	20	5	3	0	+8	3	1
" South, **Campello,**	1837	Rufus P. Keith,	Albert F. Pierce, *p. c.*	'77	'99	142	284	426	30	8	6	14	2	3	0	+5	5	1
" Porter,	1850	Dea. Minot W. Niles,	Andrew W. Archibald, *p.c.*	'76	'97	192	426	618	69	43	11	54	9	9	17	-35	28	10
" *Swed.*, **Campello,**	1879	Dea. William Allen,	August Pohl, *p.*	'87	'99	107	154	261	0	30	0	30	0	20	45	-65	0	0
" Waldo,	1896	James T. McCaughey,	Robert L. Rae, *p. c.*	'89	'96	31	53	84	6	15	2	17	0	2	0	+2	10	0
" Wendell av.,	1897	Davis Kingman,	James Lade, *p.*	'85	'99	25	60	85	0	3	3	6	1	2	0	+3	2	0
" Lincoln,	1897	Mrs. Nanny Chavis,	[SebastianD.Turner, *Meth.*]	'93	'97	15	18	33	2	2	4	6	0	1	0	+1	0	1
Brookfield,	1756	Miss M. Ella Gibson,	Edward B. Blanchard, *p. c.*	'92	'95	36	94	130	40	3	0	3	3	1	0	-4	2	7
Brookline, **Harvard,**	1844	Edward Sharp,	Reuen Thomas, *p. c.a*	'60	'75	212	484	696	100	16	16	32	7	7	0	+14	0	0
" Leyden,	1896	R. W. Hastings,	Harris G. Hale, *p. c.*	'91	'96	30	69	99	4	0	8	8	1	1	0	-2	0	2
Buckland,	1785	Dea. H. L. Warfield,	Edward A. Robinson, *p.*	'83	'98	52	104	156	29	4	6	10	5	2	0	+7	3	0
Burlington,	1735	Dea. Samuel Sewall,	Austin Dodge, *p.*	'66	'95	20	38	58	19	2	3	5	0	1	0	+1	2	2
Cambridge, 1st,	1636	Charles F. Stratton,	Alex'r McKenzie, *p. c. b*	'61	'67	255	590	845	0	5	14	19	9	14	0	-23	0	9
" Prospect st.,	1827	E. Sidney Berry,	Reuben A. Beard, *p. c.*	'79	'97	108	286	394	120	7	10	17	12	9	2	-23	2	2
" North av.,	1857	Everett L. Stevens,	Daniel Evans, *p. c.*	'91	'99	157	318	475	75	21	18	39	8	1	0	-9	11	3
" Pilgrim,	1865	Daniel S. Coolidge,				223	399	622	100	14	13	27	1	30	2	-33	7	0
" Wood Memorial,	1872	Abijah R. Brick,	Charles H. Williams, *p.c.*	'99	'99	84	207	291	45	13	7	20	3	13	1	-17	3	31
" Hope,	1890	Dea. John T. Howarth,				33	58	91	11	4	0	4	0	4	1	-5	0	2
Canton,	1828	Abner Morse,	Seelye Bryant, *p. c.*	'90	'99	25	77	102	35	0	2	2	2	1	0	-3	0	0
Carlisle,	1781	Herbert P. Dutton,	A. Herbert Armes, *p.*	'89	'98	21	35	56	11	2	1	3	0	0	0	-0	2	2
Carver, **North,**	1733	Theron M. Cole,	[Oscar F. Stetson, *Lic.*]		'99	13	32	45	14	0	0	0	0	4	0	-4	0	0
Charlemont, 1st,	1788	John. H. Smead,	George H. Pratt. *p.*	'66	'99	26	57	83	11	0	0	0	2	2	0	-4	0	0
" **East,**	1845	Mrs. Lyman Whiting,	Lyman Whiting, *p.*	'43	'89	21	39	60	13	0	2	2	1	0	0	-1	0	0
Charlton,	1761	Mrs. E. J. W. Spencer,	George O. Jenness, *p.*	'61	'96	18	45	63	24	1	1	2	2	0	0	△2	0	0

a Oliver D. Sewall, asst. p., '92, '97. *b* Leonard S. Parker, asst. p., '38, '86.

Bradford *see* Haverhill. Byfield, *see* Newbury. Campello, *see* Brockton. Centreville, *see* Barnstable. Charlestown, *see* Boston.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Boston, Allston,	Harvey W. Walker,	382	185	300	110	810	101	75	733	133	31	18	131	2,032	0	7,666
" Harvard,	Frank B. Sherman,	256	147		48	48	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	142	0	0
" Central,	Rev. Geo. H. Flint,	182	111	200	35	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	120	130	0	2,200
" Seamen's,	George Marsters,	40	33			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75	0	2,200
" Roslindale,	William J. Wilson,	310	208	225	97	73	0	0	81	0	0	0	96	250	0	2,963
" St. Mark's,	Thadeus J. Hamilton,	65	28	32	29	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	450
" Baker,	George Taylor,	300	140	300	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boxboro,	Martin E. Wood,	68	41	50	30	32	0	4	18	34	5	0	7	70	0	575
Boxford,	Hiram N. Town,	81	52	110	0	80	0	20	68	71	29	7	11	286	0	1,186
" West,	Prof. N. B. Sargent,	70	35	75	25	75	0	0	65	91	3	0	12	246	0	
Boylston, Cen.,	Calvin H. Andrews,	80	40	95	40	0	0	0	0	22	18	0	90	130	0	1,250
Braintree, 1st,	Irving H. Horne,	263	159	150	47	196	14	17	416	14	50	0	53	760	0	4,000
" South,	Henry B. Whitman,	200	120	200	0	75	6	9	40	27	10	12	25	204	0	3,000
Bridgewater,	W. D. Jackson,	m251	174	150	98	62	9	10	100	100	0	5	25	311	500	2,907
" Scotland,	W. H. H. Andrews,	40	30	40	38	29	0	3	12	5	1	0	0	50	0	425
Brimfield,	George H. Streeter,	114	58	51	44	44	13	12	30	20	51	0	0	170	2,421	1,225
Brockton, 1st,	George A. Manning,	419	226	600	212	167	24	116	501	27	45	11	198	1,089	0	7,000
" So. Campello,	H. Ernest Knowles,	866	533	375	287	271	344	76	898	150	51	25	485	2,300	0	13,287
" Porter,	J. Howard Field,	906	528	600	159	478	67	94	614	184	89	39	4,301	5,866	0	15,165
" *Swed.*, Camp.	Charles O. Peterson, B.,	296		95	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	468	468	0	3,808
" Waldo,	Charles E. Johnson,	270	148		125	52	0	0	19	0	13	0	60	144	0	1,751
" Wendell av.,	Charles Williamson,	175	96	100	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,338
" Lincoln,	Henry F. Chavis,	20	18	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	0	476
Brookfield,	Edward B. Hale,	193	75	95	56	25	144	2	174	47	4	0	25	421	0	1,500
Brookline, Har'd,	Rev Oliver D. Sewall,	796			150	4,608	0	203	3,261	467	570	1,051	5,786	15,946	0	15,500
" Leyden.	Morris A. Hall,	80	45	85	19	294	85	104	465	156	27	0	7	1,138	0	28,987
Buckland,	Dea Edmund F. Smith,	115	84	124	25	100	0	23	55	22	0	0	84	284	0	1,350
Burlington,	Thomas I. Reed,	75	50	50	65	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	0	1,700
Cambridge, 1st,	Charles W. Spencer,	395	304		150	2,843	0	0	4,343	340	140	0	1,250	8,916	0	9,420
" Prospect st.,	George B. Caswell,	354	186	356	143	686	43	46	499	141	17	0	33,403	34,835	0	6,495
" North av.,	James Morrison,	450	285	300	105	575	50	32	666	140	20	0	215	1,698	0	10 744
" Pilgrim,	Arthur L. Miles,	539	319	475	172	183	40	50	117	141	59	0	139	729	0	5,500
" Wood Mem.	John W. Coe,	590	325	450	123	153	35	0	99	3	0	0	136	426	0	3,015
" Hope,	William White,	160		75	19	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	10	30	0	0
Canton,	Albert F. Morse, 2d,	90	50	100	45	0	0	0	37	0	25	0	100	162	800	1,343
Carlisle,	Dea. D. L. Chamberlain,	91	44	45	42	15	5	5	15	10	25	0	0	75	5,000	1,094
Carver, North,	Edgar E. Gardner,	60	38	40	16	22	0	0	30	0	4	0	9	65	0	463
Charlemont, 1st,	Dea. Edwin N. Hawkes,	115	59	50	0	0	0	7	9	9	0	0	0	25	60	700
" East,	Lorenzo Richmond,	60	34	48	51	31	22	27	86	13	16	4	71	270	0	400
Charlton,	Mrs. E. J. W. Spencer,	60	36	50	52	33	2	3	19	13	5	0	3	78	925	566

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Chatham,	1720	L. Sidney Atwood,	Daniel W. Richardson, *p.*	'62	'96	24	54	78	20	3	0	3	4	0	0	4	2	1
Chelmsford, North,	1824	Dea. Charles H. Holt,	Robert W. Dunbar, *p. c.*	'99	'98	20	46	66	13	1	1	2	4	0	0	4	1	5
" Central,	1876	A. B. Woodward,	Ernest C. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'96	'94	31	76	107	18	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	3
Chelsea, 1st,	1841	Waldo E. Pratt,	Ross C. Houghton, *p. c.*	'69	'95	95	289	384	77	4	5	9	11	9	1	21	4	5
" Central,	1851	Andrew W. Woodman,	Rob't A. MacFadden, *p. c.*	'96	'98	179	550	729	134	28	9	37	9	18	5	32	5	11
" 3d,	1877	Jacob Pratt, jr.,	Samuel M. Cathcart, *p. c.*	'96	'96	46	122	168	50	7	4	11	2	3	6	11	6	1
Chester, 1st,	1769	W. A. Lyman,	Thomas W. Davison,	'99	'99	10	14	24	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
" 2d,	1844	Edward O. Redfield,	Thomas D. Murphy, *p.*	'68	'93	30	75	105	23	3	2	5	2	2	0	4	3	0
Chesterfield,	1764	Mrs. Ellen A. Baker,	Hanson E. Thygeson, *p.*	'87	'95	32	66	98	15	11	3	14	3	0	0	3	9	0
Chicopee, 1st,	1752	Rev. C. G. Burnham,	Collins G. Burnham, *p. c.*	'79	'88	23	54	77	17	0	5	5	3	1	0	4	0	1
" 2d, Falls,	1830	Arthur B. West,	Hervey G. Pillsbury, *p.c.*	'82	'95	64	116	180	40	0	2	2	4	2	0	6	0	7
" 3d,	1834	James L. Pease,	Herbert P. Woodin, *p.*	'92	'98	48	118	166	49	6	3	9	3	0	39	42	4	5
Clinton,	1844	Edward L. Greene,	William W. Jordan, *p. c.*	'84	'93	154	321	475	90	21	11	32	10	13	0	23	5	20
" *German,*	1897	Henry W. Wessels,	Frank C. F. Scherff, *p.*	'76	'87	17	34	51	4	0	0	0	1	4	7	12	0	13
Cohasset,	1824	Warren L. Tower,	E. Victor Bigelow, *p. c.*	'91	'91	30	107	137	21	4	2	6	2	1	0	3	4	14
" Beechwood,	1863	Mrs. Clara Hyland, *a*	Frank Park, *p.*	'95	'98	5	33	38	14	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	1
Coleraine,	1750	Dea. A. H. Temple, *b*	Charles M. Crooks, *p.*	'97	'96	12	37	49	12	5	1	6	2	2	1	5	4	0
Concord,	1826	Rev. Ole O. Thorpe,	George A. Tewksbury, *p.*	'63	'91	66	138	204	25	12	6	18	1	9	0	10	5	14
Conway,	1768	Henry W. Billings,	Eugene F. Hunt, *p.*	'84	'95	70	124	194	26	5	1	6	5	2	0	7	2	0
Cummington,	1839	George W. Guilford,	Lewis T. Reed, *p.*	'99	'99	32	65	97	7	0	0	0	1	4	4	9	0	0
" West,	1840	Mrs. Sarah M. Sears,	Lewis T. Reed, *p.*	'99	'99	7	22	29	5	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0
Dalton,	1785	Dea. Henry A. Barton,	George W. Andrews, *p.*	'82	'83	123	229	352	45	22	1	23	8	5	0	13	4	7
Dana,	1852	N. L. Johnson,	Harlan Page, *p.*	'83	'93	6	27	33	10	0	6	6	0	1	0	1	0	0
Danvers Center,	1689	Dea. E. A. H. Grover,	Harry C. Adams, *p. c.*	'89	'97	49	137	186	33	6	3	9	4	8	0	12	4	0
" Maple st.,	1844	Dea. John S. Learoyd,	Chauncey J. Hawkins, *p.c.*	'00	'00	110	267	377	42	5	1	6	5	6	0	11	5	3
Dartmouth, South,	1807	Wanton H. Gray,	Simeon B. Dunn, *p.*	'75	'97	10	30	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0
Dedham,	1638	Theodore T. Marsh,				102	240	342	57	15	8	23	3	4	0	7	6	0
Deerfield, South,	1818	Henry A. Field,	Edward O. Grisbrook, *p.*	'93	'98	54	100	154	26	7	0	7	3	6	0	9	1	0
"	1835	B. Z. Stebbins, jr.,	Horace E. Morrow, *p.*	'86	'99	21	43	64	8	2	4	6	1	1	5	7	2	0
Dennis, South,	1817	Miss E. H. Underwood,	Washington H. Forbes, *p.*	'81	'99	6	46	52	10	0	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Union,	1866	Nathan A. Howes,				7	31	38		0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0
Dighton, North,	1710	Dea. Geo. E. Gooding,	Dorrall Lee, *p.*	'76	'99	16	37	53	5	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Douglas,	1747	Laura E. Balcome,	[George O. Crosby, *Meth.*]		'97	7	28	35	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
" East,	1834	Edwin Moore,	Charles P. Pierce, *p.*	'98	'97	30	77	107	24	1	9	10	3	3	0	6	1	8
Dover,	1839	George L. Howe,	Franklin C. Jones, *p.*	'63	'98	22	25	47	1	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	2	0
Dracut, 1st,	1721	Dea. Silas R. Coburn,	John P. Richardson, *p.*	'80	'98	14	49	63	6	7	5	12	2	4	0	6	5	13
" Central,	1847	William H. Stickney,	Frederick I. Kelley, *p. c.*	'89	'97	45	97	142	28	5	4	9	0	2	0	2	4	2
Dudley,	1732	Dea. Wm. H. Upham,	Newton I. Jones, *p.*	'75	'98	16	50	66	14	0	1	1	4	2	0	6	0	0
Dunstable,	1757	Lyman V. Parkhurst,	Harry L. Hartwell, *p.*	'95	'99	24	47	71	8	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	0
Duxbury,	1843	John H. Haverstock,	Henry B. Mason, *p.*	'92	'00	13	60	73	13	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	4

a N. Scituate. *b* Griswoldville. Chiltonville, *see* Plymouth. Clarendon Hills, *see* Hyde Park. Cliftondale, *see* Saugus. Curtisville, *see* Stockbridge. Dorchester, *see* Boston.

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Chatham,	Roswell Atwood,	0	39	60	56	20	0	0	9	0	2	0	20	51	0	522
Chelmsford, N.,	Dea. Arthur H. Sheldon,	126	68	130	90	5	0	2	4	1	2	0	0	14	0	1,290
" Cen'l	Samuel Hagerman,		80	80	97	72	0	20	0	29	11	0	125	257	0	2,074
Chelsea, 1st,	Arthur C. Stone,	m603	357	402	99	256	18	48	42	32	18	4	1,146	1,564	0	0
" Central,	George E. Morrill,	841	410	800	337	304	291	31	437	63	13	23	664	1,826	0	8,962
" 3d,	Richard Burns,	325	192		41	107	11	8	27	7	0	6	50	216	0	3,814
Chester, 1st,	William Ward,	30	20	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	300
" 2d,	Mrs. O. J. Shepardson,	105	65	95	36	8	5	0	130	21	30	0	50	244	0	1,606
Chesterfield,	William H. Baker,	75	37	125	37	36	0	8	10	13	4	7	5	83	0	675
Chicopee, 1st,	Rev. C. G. Burnham,	65	42	42	0	48	13	11	23	15	2	3	9	124	0	1,135
" 2d, Falls,	Clinton A. Wood,	192	118	140	20	165	110	47	301	119	23	6	180	951	5,000	2,800
" 3d,	W. H. Mosman,	117	83	100	55	200	35	4	170	41	32	2	1,379	1,863	0	2,800
Clinton,	Dea. C. D. Copp,	593	338	300	192	315	70	21	239	95	60	17	483	1,300	0	45,942
" *German*,	Rev. F. C. F. Scherff,	125	80	60	9	0	0	0	8	0	5	0	4	17	0	675
Cohasset,	Philander Bates,	175	98	125	72	212	9	9	122	20	7	10	5	394	0	2,200
" Beechwood,	Rev. Frank Park,	106	47	89	39	5	0	3	20	0	0	0	0	28	0	450
Coleraine,	L. Griswold, **Griswoldville,**	60	23	75	23	20	11	11	8	6	10	1	37	104	0	890
Concord,	George M. Hopkins,	196	127	215	64	266	88	19	97	194	13	15	130	819	0	11,019
Conway,	Dea. Edward W. Hamilton,	130	87	100	50	76	23	67	18	40	30	6	103	363	0	1,662
Cummington,	Mrs. Sarah H. Streeter,	140	90	90	25	19	2	3	36	18	19	0	0	97	0	850
" West,	A. N. Hubbard,	56	31	45	21	0	1	0	10	2	0	0	5	18	0	390
Dalton,	Payson E. Little,	427	251	275	187	2,237	1,345	184	2,033	525	137	146	529	7,136	0	4,116
Dana,	Forrest A. Hicks, **Nichewaug,**	25	22	40	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	450
Danvers Center,		220	120	160	53	121	23	15	85	48	9	39	73	413	0	2,456
" Maple st.,	John S. Learoyd,	631	316		200	366	65	62	946	124	28	19	362	1,972	0	3,000
Dartmouth, So.,	E. B. Sturtevant,	75	33	100	44	5	3	5	5	17	2	0	15	52	0	1,050
Dedham,	James Y. Noyes,	210	139	200	94	684	102	114	617	256	48	62	364	2,247	0	4,541
Deerfield, South,	Rev. E. O. Grisbrook,	160	81	125	44	50	18	15	50	98	10	4	0	245	0	991
"	J. J. Greenough,	52	30	50	20	17	3	0	2	0	0	0	48	70	0	825
Dennis, South,	Andrew J. Hersey,	70	48	70	50	16	0	1	0	0	9	0	5	31	35	800
" Union,	Nathan A. Howes,	70	45	50	40	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	9	21	0	
Dighton, North,	George A. Clark,	70	46	51	48	73	0	0	98	40	0	0	78	289	0	1,025
Douglas,	Fred J. Lindberg,	50	35	40	22	26	0	0	5	5	6	0	5	47	0	375
" East,	Thomas H. Meek,	121	70	120	56	105	2	7	53	18	13	5	26	229	0	1,139
Dover,	George L. Howe,	54	37	58	38	32	0	0	16	13	7	0	4	72	0	356
Dracut, 1st,	James H. Richardson,	m155	82	70	31	2	1	2	2	1	18	2	14	42	0	1,017
" Central,	Calvin Richardson,	185	91	78	32	22	0	0	7	5	10	0	45	89	300	1,865
Dudley,	Miss Bertha E. Whiting,	159	50	70	62	4	2	0	20	8	11	0	8	53	0	1,008
Dunstable,	George A. Glover,	100	43	70	50	57	20	28	70	54	25	0	33	287	300	858
Duxbury,	Miss S. B. Higgins,	72	47	105	42	15	0	0	25	0	5	0	18	63	500	1,144

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East Bridgewater,	1826	Charles W. Leach,	Granville Yager, *p.*	'76	'98	45	63	108	29	0	5	5	0	1	0	+1	0	0
Easthampton, 1st,	1785	Henry L. Lyman,	Sumner G. Wood, *p. c.*	'80	'89	93	211	304	52	5	3	8	6	4	4	-14	4	6
" Payson,	1852	Charles H. Johnson,	Charles H. Hamlin, *p. c.*	'76	'85	125	345	470	75	11	3	14	5	9	0	-14	5	11
East Longmeadow,	1829	Arthur G. Crane,	Harry C. McKnight, *p.*	'85	'98	32	61	93	22	6	1	7	5	0	0	+5	4	3
Easton, Center,	1725	Dea. E. B. Hayward, *a*	Augustus H. Fuller, *p.*	'78	'92	51	106	157	26	0	3	3	5	2	0	- 7	0	4
" *Swedish*, North,	1883	William Borg,	Lambert T. Lindholm, *p.*	'98	'98	23	23	46	0	16	0	16	0	0	0	- 0	0	8
Edgartown,	1642	Theo. S. Wimpenney,	Charles L. Woodworth,	'89	'00	21	52	73	9	1	4	5	1	0	0	- 1	0	0
Egremont, South,	1816	Roscoe C. Taft, *b*	[BruceW.Cronmiller, *Pres.*]	'93	'96	24	71	95	35	7	0	7	2	1	0	3	0	3
Enfield,	1789	H. H. Barlow, *c*	George H. Hubbard, *p.*	'84	'96	70	138	208	40	0	1	1	4	4	0	8	0	9
Erving,	1832		John A. Pogue,	'96	'00	20	42	62	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Essex,	1683	Rufus Choate,	Lyman H. Blake, *p.*	'67	'99	35	94	129	15	0	3	3	7	2	0	9	0	0
Everett, 1st,	1848	Franklin Pierce,	William I. Sweet, *p.*	'87	'97	140	269	409	63	13	17	30	10	20	1	31	4	13
" Courtland st.,	1891	Dea. Geo. R. F. Nichols,				18	26	44	7	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	2
" Mystic Side,	1893	George H. Wood,	Aquilla Webb, *p.*	'99	'99	44	86	130	14	6	5	11	1	13	1	15	3	9
Fairhaven,	1794	Tucker Damon,				25	84	109	16	0	2	2	3	5	0	8	0	1
Fall River, 1st,	1816		William W. Adams, *p. c.*	'60	'63	60	188	248	33	6	2	8	1	2	0	3	3	4
" Central,	1842	James W. Brigham,	William A. Knight, *p. c.*	'86	'97	202	400	602	75	18	4	22	6	10	0	16	6	27
" Fowler,	1874	Walter E. Tripp,	Payson W. Lyman, *p. c.*	'71	'88	17	73	90	23	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0
" *French*,	1886	Joseph M. Adams,	Samuel P. Rondeau, *p.*	'92	'96	27	38	65	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Broadway,	1894	Dea. Joseph Lewin,	James E. Enman, *p. c.*	'95	'99	18	48	66	12	4	2	6	0	2	3	5	2	4
Falmouth, 1st,	1708	Dea. Seba A. Holton,	John H. Quint, *p.*	'98	'00	39	107	146	33	10	3	13	3	2	4	9	10	9
" East,	1821	Dea. W. W. Eldridge, *d*				9	21	30		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" North,	1833	Dea. Jas. M. Witherell,	Ezra N. Smith, *p.*	'72	'90	15	33	48	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Waquoit,	1849	John B. Fisher,				17	33	50	13	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
" Woods Holl,	1880	Mrs. John W. Bowles,	Joseph B. Long, *p.*	'90	'99	14	17	31	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	1768	George A. Hitchcock,	A. Frederic Dunnels, *p. c.*	'84	'99	147	263	410	115	0	6	6	12	14	6	32	0	6
" Rollstone,	1868	Frank C. Hoyt,	William O. Conrad, *p. c.*	'90	'96	191	386	577	95	5	16	21	10	18	0	28	1	4
" *German*,	1889	Paul A. Gast,	Fritz W. Martini, *p. c.*	'97	'00	23	57	80	8	11	2	13	0	2	0	2	0	0
" *Swedish*,	1892	Evald Ramgren,	Jonas Anderson, *p.*	'97	'99	49	51	100	14	7	0	7	4	15	2	21	0	0
Foxboro',	1779	Horace Carpenter,	James W. Flagg, *p.*	'82	'93	67	192	259	61	2	5	7	9	3	0	12	1	1
Framingham,	1701	Rev. L. R. Eastman,	Lucius R. Eastman, *p. c.*	'62	'71	80	202	282	26	1	8	9	2	4	0	6	1	4
" Saxonville,	1833	Dea. J. B. Johnson,	Arthur Titcomb, *p.*	'88	'99	34	115	149	39	0	2	2	2	9	1	12	0	1
" South,	1873	Fred L. Oaks,	Frederick E. Emrich, *p. c.*	'75	'90	140	278	418	70	3	33	36	4	9	0	13	2	13
Franklin, 1st,	1738	Dea. J. Herbert Baker,	Isaiah W. Sneath, *p. c.*	'84	'99	90	230	320	66	3	5	8	3	13	0	16	2	7
Freetown,	1807	Gilbert M. Nichols,	William F. Warren, *p.*	'78	'98	5	15	20	6	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
Gardner,	1786	Henry H. Smith,	Burton S. Gilman, *p. c.*	'97	'97	148	303	451	39	36	21	57	11	8	0	19	31	0
Georgetown, 1st,	1732	Mrs. Alice C. Noyes,	Frank P. Estabrook, *p. c.*	'93	'98	30	99	129	33	0	4	4	3	2	0	5	0	0
" Memorial,	1864	Dea. Henry Hilliard,	C. Julian Tuthill, *p.*	'94	'95	32	76	108	23	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Gill,	1796	Mrs. L. E. S. Moore,	William H. Dowden, *p.*	'63	'98	11	19	30	4	3	1	4	1	3	0	4	3	1
Gloucester, West,	1716	Arthur M. Wilkins,	Temple Cutler, *p.*	'61	'95	22	35	57	10	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0

a **Eastondale.** *b* **Bancroft.** *c* **Smiths.** *d* **Hatchville.** Feeding Hills, *see* Agawam. Florence, *see* Northampton. Gilbertville, *see* Hardwick.

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E. Bridgewater,	Charles W. Leach,	90	75	80	50	85	3	4	3	8	4	0	11	118	0	1,800
Easthampton, 1st,	L. E. Parsons,	320	152	200	90	113	49	47	113	65	31	14	97	529	0	2,728
" Payson,	Samuel Brown,	250	187	200	101	175	20	30	520	75	10	15	133	978	1,000	5,665
E. Longmeadow,	Edward M. Burt,	132	87	62	32	53	3	4	31	3	16	4	31	145	0	882
Easton,	Charles M. Ripley,	300	185	225	99	132	9	15	82	30	18	8	35	329	0	2,140
" *S.*, North,	William Borg,	115	100	57	25	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	2,500
Edgartown,	Mrs. H. R. F. Shepard,	65	40	52	26	29	2	2	12	4	2	0	12	63	0	900
Egremont, South,	Chester G. Dalzell, Becket,	89	47	55	42	3	4	5	10	12	6	0	10	50	0	919
Enfield,	R. L. Thayer,	208	133	150	35	176	213	27	124	150	37	16	50	793	0	1,850
Erving,	William W. Brown,	128	60	122	28	6	0	0	4	0	5	0	6	21	0	588
Essex,	Dea. Gardner Burnham,	170	88	135	66	16	0	18	15	21	0	0	186	256	0	0
Everett, 1st,	George S. Marshall,	m1148	438	400	160	106	29	16	101	51	23	10	110	446	0	6,525
" Courtland st.	John M. Finch,	135	100	25	47	4	0	0	11	0	0	0	1	16	0	710
" Mystic Side,	Allison C. Smith,	319	185	183	47	59	15	4	51	10	0	4	5	148	0	2,654
Fairhaven,	Robert W. Taber,	132	80	151	40	40	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	100	0	1,725
Fall River, 1st,	G. Frank Allen,	300	174	250	175	397	4,915	1,064	5,042	49	96	0	3,359	14,922	0	6,545
" Cen'l,	W. D. Fellows, J. S. C. Fidden	650	460	450	175	1,515	104	102	2,500	522	97	0	3,419	8,259	0	10,000
" Fowler,	Frederick W. Lawson,	160	107	83	32	36	0	0	29	40	25	0	14	144	0	860
" *French*,	Rev. Samuel P. Rondeau,	66	49	26	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	13		0	132
" Broadway,	James Lightbown,	130	75	50	40	27	0	0	17	4	0	0	10	58	0	1,003
Falmouth, 1st,	W. C. Davis,	105	64	125	35	82	10	25	156	21	25	11	85	415	0	2,709
" East,	Wm.F.Robinson, Hatchville,	24	14	15	22	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	400
" North,	Dea. Silas Hatch, Hatchville,	50	35	50	21	45	5	5	25	10	5	0	20	115	0	
" Waquoit,	Alexander Crocker,	23	15	33	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	16	0	295
" Woods Holl,	Willis C. Gifford,			20	22	3	0	0	9	0	0	0	25	37	0	400
Fitchburg, Calv.	Albert C. Brown,	356	183		125	289	26	75	503	68	46	5	583	1,595	0	27,918
" Rollstone,	Charles A. Tilton,	472	263	500	144	288	28	31	561	148	27	26	269	1,378	500	6,011
" *German*,	Rev. S. H. Schwab,	117	80	40	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" *Swedish*,	Wm. Patterson,	127	93	50	39	57	0	0	5	0	0	0	82	144	0	1,755
Foxboro',	Benj. F. Boyden,	229	136	180	47	130	17	12	51	40	18	8	155	431	2,600	2,117
Framingham,	Lucius R. Eastman, jr.	141	80	140	50	455	256	17	746	207	0	0	144	1,825	0	3,383
" Saxonville,	Arthur C. Winch,	97	57	94	54	58	5	4	135	11	5	8	6	232	0	1,650
" South,	Edward W. Lamson,	430	227	325	98	265	23	31	547	196	57	0	2,321	3,440	3,182	9,156
Franklin, 1st,	Will S. Richardson,	250	140	250	71	97	14	10	29	29	6	2	265	452	0	5,000
Freetown,	M. Florence Dean,	40	27	50	32	2	3	3	5	3	3	2	0	21	0	545
Gardner,	Herbert D. Burnham,	405	202	400	95	235	138	19	333	125	22	0	1,442	2,314	0	5,500
Georgetown, 1st,	Edwin S. Daniels,	112	70	130		43	0	0	19	10	0	0	73	145	0	1,849
" Memorial,	Lewis H. Giles,	159	85	140	40	59	13	7	106	27	6	0	112	330	0	1,800
Gill,	Francis A. Foster,	50	25	22	25	2	0	0	12	10	3	0	0	27	53	553
Gloucester, West,	E. Walter Haskell,	65	48	57	0	18	0	0	35	0	0	0	22	75	0	438

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Gloucester, Trinity,	1829	John J. Pew,	Rufus P. Hibbard, *p. c.*	'68	'88	78	242	320	36	1	3	4	4	9	0	13	1	10
" Lanesville,	1830	Francis Reid,	Frank H. Reed, *p. c.*	'86	'85	37	84	121	33	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0
" Magnolia,	1887	George A. Upton,	[Markham W. Stackpole,]		'99	10	21	31	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0
Goshen,	1780	Dea. Charles W. Shaw,	Calvin Keyser, *p.*	'75	'98	19	33	52	11	0	2	2	1	1	4	6	0	1
Grafton,	1731	H. Catherine Allen,	Benjamin A. Robie, *p.*	'66	'84	36	98	134	36	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	0	0
" Saundersville,	1860	Wm. E. Fowler,	David Howie, *p.*	'89	'93	43	91	134	30	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Granby,	1762	Dea. Simeon Kellogg,	Robert C. Bell, *p.*	'69	'92	70	131	201	30	10	8	18	6	9	2	17	8	1
Granville, East,	1747	Mrs. J. W. Johnson,	Wallace H. Sterns, *p. c.*	'97	'97	13	28	41	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" West,	1781					25	37	62	35	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0
Great Barrington,	1743	J. W. Curtis,	Leon D. Bliss, *p. c.*	'89	'96	88	207	295	49	8	13	21	9	5	0	14	5	12
" Housatonic,	1841	Thomas E. Brown,	Arthur J. Benedict, *p.*	'75	'92	54	118	172	28	1	0	1	8	0	0	8	0	8
Greenfield, 1st,	1754	Charles W. Dinsmore,	Carey H. Watson, *p.*	'91	'90	28	49	77	15	2	3	5	2	0	4	6	2	0
" 2d,	1817	Miss Lucia A. Peck,				100	241	341	52	10	12	22	6	5	0	11	7	5
Greenwich,	1749	Walter H. Glazier, G. V.	James P. Harper, *p.*	'94	'99	22	69	91	19	5	1	6	3	2	0	5	5	0
Groton,	1664	Dea. Darwin P. Keyes,	Louis B. Voorhees, *p. c.*	'71	'93	57	120	177	34	4	4	8	7	2	1	10	3	2
" West.	1893	Mrs. M. E. Williams,	Alfred S. Hudson, *p.*	'67	'92	7	10	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Groveland,	1727	Dea. W. B. Ladd,	Charles F. Clarke, *p.*	'92	'99	25	69	94	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Hadley, 1st,	1659	Martin S. Pierce,	Edward E. Keedy, *p.*	'94	'94	63	134	197	45	4	0	4	2	5	0	7	3	0
" 2d, North,	1831	O. W. Prouty,	John W. Lane, *p. c.*	'60	'77	55	78	133	46	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1
Halifax,	1734	Miss M. J. Danforth,	Jesse H. Jones, *p.*	'61	'97	13	33	46	9	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	0	0
Hamilton,	1714	Dea. J. P. Lovering,	Jesse G. Nichols, *p. c.*	'94	'94	31	72	103	25	1	4	5	2	3	0	5	1	2
Hampden,	1785	Dea. A. B. Newell,	James B. Sargent, *p. c.*	'97	'97	22	50	72	18	3	1	4	1	1	1	3	2	1
Hanover, West,	1728	Dea. Francis B. Ellis,	Edward D. Disbrow, *p.*	'92	'95	12	48	60	6	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	2	0
" Four Corners,	1854	Henry B. Barstow,	John Wild, *p.*	'92	'92	13	33	46	9	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0
Hanson,	1748	Dea. G. W. Severance,				10	30	40	5	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0
Hardwick,	1736	Rev. Harlan Page,	Harlan Page, *p.*	'83	'91	11	36	47	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
" Gilbertville,	1867	Alfred H. Richardson,	Samuel A. Barrett, *p.*	'88	'99	44	78	122	43	1	9	10	1	5	0	6	0	18
Harvard,	1821	Dea. J. W. Bacon, Ayer.	Jason G. Miller, *p. c.*	'99	'99	23	39	62	8	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	0
Harwich,	1747		Charles H. Rowley, *p.*	'80	'99	20	50	70	15	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0
" Port,	1855	Mrs. Emulous Small,				7	45	52	8	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
Hatfield,	1671	Dea. James Porter,	Robert McE. Woods, *p. c.*	'77	'77	100	178	278	32	19	2	21	4	7	0	11	7	6
Haverhill, Bradford,	1682	S. Willard Carleton,	John D. Kingsbury, *p. c.*	'56	'66	139	302	441	38	2	3	5	4	2	0	6	0	4
" West,	1735	Edward Webster,	John N. Lowell, *p. c.*	'77	'80	57	93	150	40	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	2	4
" 4th,	1744	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	7	15	22	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
" Center,	1833	Charles N. Dyer,	Calvin M. Clark, *p. c.*	'90	'93	117	326	443	62	16	6	22	5	8	0	13	13	7
" North,	1859	George C. How,	James S. Williamson, *p.c.*	'90	'99	123	355	478		1	0	1	6	6	0	12	1	1
" Riverside,	1884	Clifton M. Foster,	George L. Gleason, *p. c.*	'66	'88	20	78	98	9	3	0	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
" Union,	1891	Fred K. Brooks,	Albert F. Newton, *p. c.*	'77	'98	36	92	128	19	15	15	30	3	0	2	5	5	1
" St. John's, *French*,	'93		[C. L. Charron],		'00	15	32	47	13	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	3
" Ward Hill,	1893	J. Harlan Chase,	Charles Clark, *p. c.*	'94	'97	23	50	73	5	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	4
Hawley,	1778	Mrs. F. S. Bissell,	Hohannes T. Torosyan,	'99	'99	18	31	49	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
" West,	1825	Willis Vincent,	Thomas S. Robie, *p.*	'59	'96	23	35	58	12	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	4	1

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Gloucester, Trin.,	John Cunningham,	500	333	380	43	385	68	73	378	153	16	40	1,148	2,261	0	5,055
" Lanesville,	Joseph H. Andrews,	170	70	115	80	0	0	3	0	0	8	0	10	21	0	1,050
" Magnolia,	Ernest W. Dunbar,	80	40	60	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	1,166
Goshen,	James Mollison,	47	20	30	20	3	0	0	8	0	8	0	0	19	0	487
Grafton,	William Loynd,	159	84	91	61	165	15	16	59	33	11	0	87	386	0	1,691
" Saundersville,	William E. Fowler,	165	107	116	112	72	0	10	22	5	1	0	75	185	0	3,645
Granby,	Francis A. Forward,	144	77	93	63	47	99	37	61	19	9	3	94	369	0	1,366
Granville, East,	Edward Roberts,	30	21	40	0	17	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	32	0	700
" West,	Mrs. Samuel B. Andrews,	64	47	48	10	5	0	0	10	0	0	0	9	24	0	190
Great Barrington	Rev. Leon D. Bliss,	200	127	210	77	170	44	28	269	56	75	25	253	920	0	4,040
" Housatonic,	Frederick H. Turner,	m180	150	140	54	151	5	13	163	55	14	8	162	571	0	1,800
Greenfield, 1st,	Lewis N. Smead,	82	44	72	33	15	16	60	27	0	7	0	20	145	0	767
" 2d,	George H. Kaulback,	268	213	300	100	349	66	141	623	175	66	0	27	1,447	0	6,000
Greenwich,	Frank P. Hall, G. Village,	60	45	50	32	20	0	0	43	45	0	0	6	114	0	763
Groton,	Dea. Nelson N. Torrey,	147	75	110	36	418	2,049	22	816	109	20	0	4	3,438	500	2,095
" West,	Charles Bixby,	60	37		26	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	346
Groveland,	Charles S. Huntress,	116	68	150	26	0	10	10	53	0	0	0	65	138	0	850
Hadley, 1st,	A. J. Randall,	125	87	100	34	161	22	11	89	48	13	3	10	357	0	1,347
" 2d, North,	Charles S. Abbott,	70	47	70	31	24	0	0	0	50	8	0	0	62	0	825
Halifax,	Miss M. J. Danforth,	40	28		0	34	0	0	25	0	0	0	4	63	0	
Hamilton,	Rev. J. G. Nichols,	125	60	160	118	35	0	0	42	2	22	27	0	128	0	1,380
Hampden,	Dea. A. B. Newell,	51	30	41	0	28	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	34	0	776
Hanover, West,	Henry McNoye,	90	55	85	60	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	4	10	0	950
" Four Corners,	Israel Hatch,	48	30	50	21	34	3	1	10	9	11	2	4	74	0	705
Hanson,	Miss M. A. Carr,	104	74	135	78	43	3	2	9	0	15	4	16	92	0	731
Hardwick,	Frank W. Kimball,	63	20	84	26	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	13	0	1,030
" Gilbertville,	Elmer M. Marsh,	221	152	131	35	190	54	75	196	71	38	17	146	787	0	1,857
Harvard,	Charles L. Clay,	100	50	50	45	64	7	5	19	7	5	0	50	157	0	1,200
Harwich,	Cyrenus S. Hunt,	80	49	90	70	41	0	0	30	0	0	0	12	83	0	4,060
" Port,	Mrs. Jehiel Jordan,	83	46	100	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,820
Hatfield,	Joseph S. Wells,	186	115	135	71	430	65	65	304	166	25	0	87	1,142	10,000	1,666
Haverhill, B'fd,	Rev. Vincent Moses,	318	250	400	110	216	10	25	235	33	52	0	192	763	0	3,300
" West,	Dea. F. A. Russell,	142	89	100	82	59	15	10	111	56	20	0	57	328	2,000	1,290
" 4th,	Dea. J. H. Jaques,	34	21	40		0	50	3	65	35	0	0	300	453	0	520
" Center,	William D. Dearing,	441	215	400	103	159	100	90	236	209	36	0	143	973	0	5,000
" North,	William H. Johnson,	290	197	500	118	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	590	1,040	0	8 000
" Riverside,	A. W. Brown,	265	140	212	125	6	0	6	30	12	0	0	35	89	0	1,180
" Union,	Jacob K. Nute,	316	192	250	70	19	0	0	10	12	8	0	35	84	0	3,080
" St. John's, *Fr.*						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Ward Hill,	Herbert C. Waldo,	132	74	115	42	10	0	0	11	1	5	0	15	42	0	1,124
Hawley,	Edward L. Eldridge,	40	30	40	18	12	0	1	11	0	0	0	12	36	0	340
" West,	C. C. Fuller,	45	28	33	27	3	4	8	12	3	7	0	37	74	0	360

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Hingham,	1847	Edgar M. Lane,	Arthur Truslow, *p.*	'96	'99	38	67	105	24	1	4	5	4	0	0	+ 4	1	5
" Bethany, **Nantasket,**	1891	Mrs. Marcia P. Beale,	Cecil Harper, *p.*	'79	'92	5	16	21	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	+ 0	0	0
Hinsdale,	1795	James Hosmer,	James H. Laird, *p. c.*	'64	'83	52	109	161	43	0	4	4	1	4	16	-21	0	4
Holbrook,	1856	Seth C. Sawyer,	Warren F. Low, *p. c.*	'94	'94	72	166	238	55	0	3	3	3	6	0	- 9	0	2
Holden,	1742	Miss Nancy Perry,	Thomas E. Babb, *p.*	'69	'92	37	59	96	25	0	0	0	4	1	0	- 5	0	1
Holland,	1765	Mrs. Ella J. Webber,	Josiah G. Willis, *p.*	'76	'96	9	22	31	15	1	2	3	1	1	0	- 2	0	0
Holliston,	1728	Dea. Wm. Daniels,	Nicholas Vander Pyl, *p. c.*	'93	'95	68	172	240	42	1	4	5	4	6	0	-10	0	3
Holyoke, 1st,	1799	John K. Judd,	George W. Winch, *p. c.*	'75	'88	95	196	291	14	22	9	31	2	5	0	- 7	16	8
" 2d,	1849	Dea. C. J. Humeston,	Edward A. Reed, *p. c.*	'71	'86	294	660	954	145	20	23	43	15	13	0	-28	4	25
" *French,*	1886	George Robert, M. D.,	Charles H. Vessot, *p.*	'92	'93	19	20	39	8	2	0	2	0	1	2	- 3	0	0
Hopkinton,	1724	Dea. John C. Adams,	James B. King, *p. c.*	'84	'99	74	141	215	75	2	5	7	7	7	0	-14	0	0
Hubbardston,	1770	Miss Lucy H. Grimes,	Milan H. Hitchcock, *p.*	'57	'99	23	37	60	21	0	14	14	4	0	0	- 4	0	0
Hudson,	1889	A. W. Aldrich,	Almon J. Rackliffe, *p.*	'82	'94	35	78	113	17	2	5	7	0	2	0	- 2	1	0
Huntington, 1st, **Norwich,**	1778	Charles H. Kirkland,	Webster L. Hendrick, *p.*	'89	'98	29	44	73	10	11	1	12	2	1	0	- 3	9	0
" 2d,	1846	Frank S. Jones,				38	85	123	36	3	5	8	2	3	1	- 6	2	1
Hyde Park,	1863	Arthur H. Burt,	Henry N. Hoyt, *p. c.*	'76	'98	216	451	667	87	11	1	12	8	19	0	-27	9	5
" **Clarendon Hills,**	1880	George Jeffers,	Achilles L. Loder, *p.*	'77	'97	25	39	64	17	1	0	1	1	0	0	- 1	0	1
Ipswich, 1st,	1634	Dea. J. H. Cogswell,	Edward Constant, *p.*	'83	'92	34	126	160	24	4	0	4	4	0	0	- 4	0	3
" Sonth,	1747	Dea. Joseph I. Horton,	T. Frank Waters, *p. c.*	'76	'79	30	131	161	27	0	0	0	4	0	0	- 4	0	2
" Linebrook,	1749	Dea. J. H. Tenney,	William P. Alcott, *p. c.*	'68	'86	24	22	46	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	- 1	0	0
Kingston,	1828	Mrs. M. H. Peckham,	Ernest M. Bartlett, *p.*	'97	'00					1	0	1	2	0	0	- 2	0	0
Lakeville,	1725	Dea. C. F. Paull, Myricks,	George H. Perry, *p.*	'87	'98	35	34	69	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	- 2	0	0
Lancaster,	1839	Horatio Bailey,				36	62	98	37	2	1	3	3	2	0	- 5	2	0
Lanesboro,	1764																	
Lawrence, Lawrence st.,	1847	Albert I. Couch,	William E. Wolcott, *p. c.*	'81	'85	151	387	538	174	12	7	19	6	13	0	-19	4	8
" South,	1868	Dea. G. W. Dinsmore,	David P. Hatch, *p. c.*	'86	'99	40	98	138	32	0	6	6	2	5	0	- 7	0	6
" Riverside,	1878	Richard Shiers,				32	93	125	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 0	0	6
" Trinity,	1883	Edwin Fletcher,	Frederick H. Page, *p. c.*	'93	'96	124	278	402	60	8	4	12	10	5	0	-15	2	2
" United,	1886	Christopher Warburton	Herbert G. Mank, *p. c.*	'88	'98	38	102	140	13	10	12	22	0	4	0	+ 4	0	8
Lee,	1780	Charles H. Sabin,	Lyman S. Rowland, *p. c.*	'64	'77	123	261	384	68	4	4	8	6	3	59	-68	3	7
Leicester,	1719	George O. Currier,	David C. Reid, *p. c.*	'84	'94	69	127	196	59	9	3	12	12	8	0	-20	5	0
Lenox,	1769	Dea. Henry Sedgewick,	Frederick Lynch, *p. c.*	'99	'99	54	92	146	28	0	2	2	1	5	0	- 6	0	3
Leominster,	1822	Dea. C. E. Woodward,	Lawrence Phelps, *p.*	'75	'99	156	327	483	62	3	6	9	10	5	0	-15	3	7
" **North,**	1874	Mrs. Emma G. Hall,	James M. Bell, *p.*	'58	'93	19	48	67	11	2	1	3	0	4	0	- 4	2	0
Leverett,	1774	Cephas F. Frary,	Richard Scoles, *p.*	'80	'99	39	64	103	19	0	0	0	3	2	0	- 5	0	0
" **Moore's Corner,**	1896	Mrs. J. Maynard,	[John C. Wightman, *Lic.*]		'95	15	19	34	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	- 1	0	0
Lexington,	1868	James P. Prince,	Charles F. Carter, *p. c.*	'83	'96	63	125	188	29	7	3	10	2	14	11	-27	4	4
Lincoln,	1747	George L. Chapin,	Edward E. Bradley, *p. c*	'93	'93	30	49	79	29	1	1	2	0	2	3	- 5	0	3
Littleton,	1840	Miss Abbie J. Cutter,	Amelia A. Frost, *p. c.*	'94	'94	49	85	134	21	4	3	7	1	1	0	- 2	4	1
Longmeadow,	1716	Edward P. Tabor,	Stephen G. Barnes, *p. c.*	'81	'91	53	130	183	28	4	6	10	6	4	0	-10	1	1

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Indian Orchard, *see* Springfield. Islington, *see* Westwood. Jamaica Plain, *see* Boston. Lanesville, *see* Gloucester. Linden, *see* Malden. Linebrook, *see* Ipswich.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Hingham,	George E. Kimball,	134	54	90	84	83	0	0	36	12	26	0	8	165	0	1,428
" Bethany,	H. O. Beale.	35	20	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600
Hinsdale,	William B. Barlow,	125	88	110	70	225	0	0	299	54	4	10	122	714	0	1,860
Holbrook,	Dea. Leonard Belcher,	228	108	165	46	140	264	29	286	67	69	28	12	895	0	2,600
Holden,	Frank J. Knowlton,	107	65	115	32	60	8	5	19	8	9	0	25	134	0	1,653
Holland,	Freeman B. Blodgett,	36	16	28	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	17	0	200
Holliston,	George E. W. Brooks,	183	89	225	64	118	15	0	131	44	9	0	111	428	0	2,820
Holyoke, 1st,	John J. Ramage,	518	277	350	115	220	60	23	240	50	25	12	1,000	1,630	0	5,500
" 2d,	A. H. Morton,	1,013	654	599	202	995	68	150	5,521	151	59	244	22,253	29,441	0	18,338
" *French*,	Adolphe Fluhmann,	20	10	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	122
Hopkinton,	J. David Stewart,	144	99	175	35	114	17	47	155	55	73	26	349	836	0	2,038
Hubbardston,	Charles T. Wyman,	57	24	52	14	69	10	0	51	13	2	0	48	193	0	600
Hudson,	Milton T. Bailey,	160	95	92	53	20	0	0	22	14	7	0	8	71	0	1,305
Huntington, 1st,	F. B. Fox,	65	47	40	30	0	0	2	5	20	0	0	0	27	0	600
" 2d,	J. Wesley Culver,	131	80	87	30	24	2	5	15	14	18	1	34	113	0	1,200
Hyde Park,	Joseph K. Knight,	653	365		150	507	163	65	952	126	36	118	209	2,176	0	8,621
" Cl. Hills,	Henry L. Johnson,	172	94	102	0	10	3	5	10	5	5	5	40	83	0	945
Ipswich, 1st,	Rev. Edward Constant,	193	102	150	60	160	10	25	165	116	36	28	83	623	0	
" South,	Frank T. Goodhue,	139	77		40	141	103	55	125	93	51	29	67	664	0	2,500
" Linebrook,	Albert F. Tenney,	40	25	37	15	21	0	0	12	17	2	7	8	67	0	550
Kingston,	Miss F. B. McLauthlin,	77	36	60	26	40	8	11	40	15	10	4	4	132	0	1,500
Lakeville,	Thos. P. Paull, Myricks,	60	36	55	0	53	0	0	31	22	18	0	0	124	0	800
Lancaster,	William E. Sargent,	83	68	81	0	82	3	11	68	80	4	0	5	253	0	1,337
Lanesboro,																
Lawrence, L. st.	Charles H. Choate,	341	199	350	112	165	27	26	1,384	122	187	0	100	2,011	0	4,800
" South,	Herbert B. Merrick,	224	171	225	46	14	0	0	25	10	0	0	0	49	0	2,700
" Riverside,	Rev. Henry E. Oxnard,	200	140	60	60	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	14	19	0	1,500
" Trinity,	Wilbur E. Rowell,	300	245	330	58	130	31	23	65	31	24	0	709	1,013	0	4,750
" United,	Francis A. Hall,	193	115	160	78	11	0	0	10	9	8	0	17	55	0	2,800
Lee,	Augustus R. Smith,	222	155	200	100	1,184	50	71	946	269	77	0	1,225	3,822	0	3,233
Leicester,	Albert S. Conant,	169	79	100	72	364	53	15	514	51	18	21	19	1,055	0	6,484
Lenox,	Edward C. Carter,	150	86	80	79	65	2	9	62	20	0	0	149	307	0	2,469
Leominster,	Walter N. Howe,	400		275	210	239	5	22	233	19	51	0	247	816	0	4,547
" North,	Charles H. Haven,	110	75	75	67	62	3	7	66	11	0	9	14	172	0	1,900
Leverett,	C. Hall Beaman,	100	62	95	30	0	8	0	15	8	8	0	6	45	0	1,535
" Moore's Cor.	Elmer E. Briggs,	78	36	51	0	16	0	3	7	0	3	0	0	29	0	339
Lexington,	Allston M. Redman,	193	104	120	92	251	39	85	232	147	47	0	133	934	0	12,220
Lincoln,	Edward F. Flint,	45	28	60	32	1,181	0	54	318	152	0	0	0	1,705	0	1,800
Littleton,	E. B. Parker,	75	58	55	51	59	2	5	67	20	33	6	45	237	50	1,100
Longmeadow,	Frank B. Allen,	150	72	139	32	242	33	34	142	60	24	26	489	1,050	0	1,843

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Lowell, Pawtucket,	1797	Dea. John J. Colton,				55	113	168	20	13	2	15	2	2	0	4	7	4
" 1st,	1826	Dea. Andrew Liddell,	Franke A. Warfield, *p. c.*	'71	'98	155	400	555	185	11	17	28	6	5	0	11	4	1
" 1st Trinitarian,	1826	Dea. David A. Eaton,	George F. Kenngott, *p. c.*	'89	'92	164	396	560	128	17	14	31	16	10	0	26	5	17
" Eliot,	1830	Frank W. Corey,	John M. Greene, *p. c.a*	'57	'70	129	303	432	83	3	3	6	8	6	0	14	0	0
" John st.,	1839	Wm. H. G. Wight,	George H. Johnson, *p. c.*	'77	'92	62	146	208	57	4	3	7	6	2	0	8	2	3
" Kirk st.,	1845	Albert L. Thompson,	William A. Bartlett, *p. c.*	'86	'96	179	412	591	196	19	25	44	10	8	0	18	12	3
" High st.,	1846	Dea. Francis N. Chase,	Chas. W. Huntington, *p. c.*	'81	'88	74	160	234	47	2	4	6	4	4	0	8	0	2
" *French,*	1877	Auguste Sarre,	Thomas G. A. Coté, *p.*	'71	'95	59	53	112	41	12	1	13	2	3	13	18	5	12
" Highland,	1884	Frank B. Wiggins,	Charles L. Merriam, *p. c.*	'82	'91	79	209	288	65	0	2	2	5	23	0	28	0	2
" *Swed.,*	1885	Alfred Swanson,	Andrew P. Nelson, *p. c.*	'94	'97	26	58	84	12	5	0	5	1	2	8	11	0	0
" *Norwegian,*	1895	Dea. Anton Justad,				6	9	15	6	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	4
Ludlow, Center,	1789	Rev. E. D. Francis,	Everett D. Francis, *p. c.*	'95	'95	44	85	129	30	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0
" Union,	1867	Albert A. Gove,	William A. Thomas, *p.*	'82	'97	53	99	152	12	51	19	70	4	9	3	16	3	9
Lunenburg,	1835	Edmund S. Francis,	David Wallace, *p.*	'94	'97	25	65	90	30	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
Lynn, 1st,	1632	Guilford S. Newhall,	William C. Merrill, *p.*	'84	'96	76	181	257	21	6	9	15	8	10	0	18	2	6
" Central,	1850	Will am A. Perkins,				102	231	333	60	0	4	4	3	5	2	10	0	0
" Chestnut st.,	1860	George E. Sargent,	George W. Osgood, *p.*	'78	'94	42	156	198	57	6	3	9	3	0	0	3	6	2
" North,	1869	W. Fred Haskell,	Arthur J. Covell, *p. c.*	'90	'98	56	156	212	26	9	11	20	4	8	0	12	6	4
" *Swed.,*	1888	Andrew Ridderstrom,	John A. Johnson, *p. c.*	'92	'88	39	65	104	9	11	0	11	0	5	2	7	0	13
Lynnfield, Center,	1720	Charles E. Pearson,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'94	19	58	77	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
" 2d,	1854	Rev. Geo. E. Freeman,	George E. Freeman, *p. c.*	'58	'94	6	31	37	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1
Malden,	1648	Percy E. Walbridge,	Henry H. French, *p. c.*	'81	'94	243	496	739	128	7	26	33	16	17	1	34	3	4
" Maplewood,	1874	Charles N. Keeler,	Charles S. Macfarland,	'97	'99	54	120	174	40	0	3	3	4	8	0	12	0	0
" **Linden,**	1876	Charles H. Paul,	John C. Williams, *p.*	'90	'95	16	59	75	19	6	6	12	2	7	2	11	1	2
Manchester,	1716	George F. Allen,	Walter H. Ashley, *p.*	'78	'98	54	135	189	22	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	1	2
Mansfield,	1838	Edward P. Fitts,	Herman F. Swartz, *p. c.*	'98	'98	88	190	278	29	23	7	30	6	2	0	8	11	14
Marblehead,	1684	Daniel Appleton,	S. Linton Bell, *p. c.*	'77	'84	52	186	238	38	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	0
Marion,	1703	Rev. H. L. Brickett,	Harry L. Brickett, *p. c.*	'83	'94	24	65	89	17	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	1	11
Marlboro',	1666	F. L. Claflin,	Lincoln B. Goodrich, *p. c.*	'93	'96	114	255	369	48	9	8	17	7	2	3	12	5	4
" *French,*	1891	Mrs. S. E. Olmstead,	Samuel E. Lord,		'98	8	19	27	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marshfield, 1st,	1632	Dea. John H. Bourne,	Frederic W. Manning, *p. c.*	'91	'92	33	63	96	25	1	6	7	4	0	0	4	0	2
" **Hills,**	1835	Israel H. Hatch, No. M.				9	24	33	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mattapoisett,	1736	L. L. B. Dexter,	Robert Humphrey, *p.*	'83	'96	21	63	84	16	4	2	6	3	1	0	4	0	0
Maynard,	1852	John W. Flood,	Charles H. Washburn, *p. c.*	'85	'99	57	158	215	45	0	3	3	3	11	3	17	0	0
Medfield,	1828	Dea. Francis S. Wight,	Leroy M. Pierce, *p.*	'70	'97	24	84	108	34	3	1	4	5	3	0	8	0	0
Medford, Mystic,	1847	Nathaniel A. Dyer,	John Barstow, *p. c.*	'87	'94	134	311	445	48	12	13	25	8	8	4	20	10	8
" **West,**	1872	Henry Newcomb,	Judson V. Clancy, *p. c.*	'87	'96	66	156	222	49	3	6	9	3	4	1	8	0	8
" Union,	1887	James Learmonth,	Isaac Pierson, *p. c.*	'70	'95	39	59	98	13	4	6	10	1	4	2	7	0	10
Medway, West,	1750	Edgar S. Woodman,	George E. Sweet, *p.*	'90	'99	51	119	170	35	6	5	11	7	0	0	7	7	0
" Village,	1838	Wm. N. Hitchcock,	Rufus K. Harlow, *p. c.b*	'68	'72	61	138	199		1	0	1	3	4	0	7	1	7

a George R. Hewitt, associate p., '86, '99.

b Robert W. Drawbridge, asst. p., '97, '00.

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Lowell, Pt.,	Charles A. Richardson,	225	146	180	111	75	0	0	114	51	10	0	73	323	0	8,325
" 1st,	Tilden B. Stevenson,	484	253	375	126	309	63	0	642	59	35	0	90	1,198	0	5,442
" 1st Trin.,	Clifford B. Carey,	690	345	600	190	105	71	23	103	51	43	5	285	686	0	6,917
" Eliot,	Edward E. Sargent,	390	231	300	193	167	12	0	1,116	26	33	0	300	1,654	0	6,368
" John st.,	William H. G. Wight,	115	70	125	45	114	0	22	77	32	5	0	148	398	0	3,034
" Kirk st.,	Louis Alexander,	m500	281	375	80	494	849	294	6,115	161	54	28	4,043	12,038	0	7,964
" High st.,	Albert L. Bachel er,	272	182	225	108	294	262	56	609	153	41	0	1,777	3,192	0	4,792
" *French*,	Emil Paignon,	50	35	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400
" High'd,	Edgar A. Durand,	428	175	350	103	207	10	5	171	48	20	0	138	599	0	8,822
" *Swed.*,	Rev. Andrew P. Nelson,	55	45	25	38	0	0	5	6	0	4	0	25	40	0	950
" *Norwegian*,			30	14	0	26	4	0	18	0	0	0	162	210	0	170
Ludlow, Center,	Dea. G. D. Atchinson,	186	83	70	25	59	0	6	56	14	15	0	0	150	0	980
" Union,	Rev. Wm. A. Thomas,	125	90	120	30	53	0	10	22	0	0	0	29	114	0	1,500
Lunenburg,	Alpheus K. Francis,	90	55	72	16	5	2	2	12	6	2	0	40	69	900	950
Lynn, 1st,	Wilfred Barnes,	332	174	175	116	91	20	35	195	96	20	0	214	671	0	4,186
" Central,	Henry P. Emerson,	742	322	200	177	299	82	20	228	20	15	0	425	1,089	0	5,100
" Chestnut st.,	Charles G. Clapp,	156	112	143	98	42	16	2	82	3	5	2	289	441	0	2,148
" North,	Francis Haseltine,	209	133	225	90	101	24	10	110	101	16	3	159	524	0	4,467
" *Swed.*,	John A. Lindburg,	60	45	55	45	0	0	40	5	0	0	0	50	95	0	725
Lynnfield, Cen.,	George Hatch,	104	58	70	35	100	0	15	69	34	0	0	33	251	0	1,669
" 2d,	H. L. Richardson,	84	47	60	40	21	0	0	20	5	5	0	60	111	0	367
Malden,	Fred L. Cressey,	819	416		220	283	41	28	165	81	28	0	927	1,553	0	8,000
" Maplewood,	Frederick J. Smith,	315	172	225	95	29	35	0	64	35	0	73	123	359	0	1,776
" Linden,	Z. D. Crosby,	123	70	107	79	9	0	0	6	0	0	0	3	18	0	1,559
Manchester,	Albert Cunningham,	220	117	175	145	85	16	27	77	26	8	7	21	267	0	3,459
Mansfield,	William A. Copeland,	370	220	300	157	111	23	23	95	72	28	0	227	579	50	1,904
Marblehead,	John G. Broughton,	340	188	200	98	100	3	3	75	6	5	5	460	657	1,000	3,309
Marion,	Stephen D. Hadley,	151	67	110	38	78	2	32	123	103	2	0	47	387	0	2,605
Marlboro',	Dea. Elmer D. Howe,	297	229	290	122	293	65	30	270	183	33	35	589	1,498	0	4,047
" *French*,	Alonzo B. Davis,	30	20	16	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	173
Marshfield, 1st,	Charles R. Copeland,	140	51	100	36	80	7	8	30	21	10	0	15	171	0	1,024
" Hills,	Miss Agnes L. Sherman,	38	25	39	23	4	2	0	8	0	14	0	10	38	0	680
Mattapoisett,	J. C. F. Atsatt,	85	55	100	50	38	9	9	85	95	10	0	29	275	0	1,200
Maynard,	W. H. Gutteridge,	254	161	200	120	37	25	0	70	15	9	0	12	168	0	1,910
Medfield,	Richard E. Cole,	98	46	80	48	39	6	5	277	265	5	7	0	604	510	1,846
Medford, Mystic,	Charles E. Miller,	594	321	341	139	525	33	71	588	227	45	0	86	1,575	0	5,841
" West,	Dea. Wm. A. Andrews,	276	135	225	122	176	10	39	57	42	30	10	163	527	0	3,387
" Union,	Percy H. Hodgman,	237	139	130	99	69	15	15	76	21	6	0	40	242	0	947
Medway, West,	Carlos F. Kelsey,	95	72	125	30	27	0	0	9	0	2	0	0	38	0	1,466
" Village,	James T. Adams,	105	62	141	0	61	0	15	37	36	15	0	78	242	0	2,350

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Medway, 3d, **West,**	1886	Dea. M. B. Fuller,				8	23	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melrose,	1848	Dea. Isaac A. Cochran,	Thomas Sims, *p.*	'75	'97	161	297	458	60	6	8	14	4	10	0	14	2	2
" **Highlands,**	1875	George A. Basford,	Burke F. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'93	98	231	329	45	18	12	30	4	6	33	43	10	12
Merrimac,	1726	Richard A. Sargent,	George L. Todd, *p. c.*	'87	'92	136	264	400	52	14	7	21	11	2	0	13	12	1
Methuen,	1729	Chas. H. P. Mann,	Charles H. Oliphant, *p. c.*	'76	'84	73	181	254	26	3	11	14	6	6	18	30	3	5
Middleboro', 1st,	1694	Augustus H. Soule,*a*	George W. Stearns, *p.*	'83	'91	55	104	159	25	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	2
" **North,**	1748	Dea. Percy W. Keith,	Charles L. Tomblen, *p. c.*	'77	'99	39	64	103	26	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
" Central,	1847	Henry W. Sears,	Rich'd G.Woodbridge,*p.c.*	'81	'93	113	248	361	43	11	5	16	7	13	1	21	5	6
Middlefield,	1783	Mrs. Harriet E. Smith,	Henry M. Bowden, *p.*	'86	'99	32	52	84	38	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	0
Middleton,	1729	Galen B. Howe,	Leslie C. Greeley, *p.*	'98	'98	32	74	106	6	5	4	9	0	2	0	2	3	0
Milford,	1741	Willard S. Wood,	Webster Woodbury, *p. c.*	'68	'88	69	206	275	54	2	9	11	11	3	1	15	1	0
Millbury,	1747	Dr. Albert G. Hurd,	George A. Putnam, *p. c.*	'60	'71	37	127	164	56	5	1	6	2	6	14	22	3	6
" 2d,	1827	I. N. Goddard,	George P. Eastman, *p. c.*	'91	'91	43	128	171	37	0	0	0	5	8	0	13	0	0
Millis,	1714	Dea. J. W. Clark,	Albert H. Wheelock, *p.*	'88	'93	28	73	101	30	1	7	8	7	4	1	12	0	7
Milton,	1678	A. H.Tucker, Mattapan,	Henry S. Huntington, *p.*	'66	'88	34	67	101	21	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	5
" **East,**	1843	Frank Kemp,	Andrew H. Mulnix, *p. c.*	98	'99	14	36	50	2	1	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monson,	1762	Mrs. C. C. Keep,	Franklin S. Hatch, *p. c.*	'76	'87	89	180	269	39	10	0	10	1	3	6	10	5	4
Montague,	1752	Sanford Marsh,				38	92	130	27	0	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	2
" **Miller's Falls,**	1872	Mrs. Laura A. Giles,	Dorr A. Hudson, *p.*	'91	'93	14	44	58	14	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	2	2
" **Turner'sFalls,**	1875	Frank N. Conant,	Frank N. Merriam, *p. c.*	'92	'97	36	69	105	21	3	0	3	1	3	0	4	0	7
Monterey,	1750	Miss J. A. Townsend,	John Dooly,	'72	'98	31	72	103	33	2	1	3	5	3	4	12	0	2
Mt. Washington,	1874	Mrs. Cora E. Schult,				8	20	28	14	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	1	0
Nantucket,	1728		Walcott Fay, *p.*	'84	'97	1	99	111	0	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	2	1
Natick,	1802	Dea. Chas. H. Jones,	Frederick E. Sturgis, *p. c.*	'68	'84	212	455	667	136	21	6	27	8	5	3	16	16	15
" **South,**	1859	Miss Ada M. Caswell,	Irving A. Burnap, *p.*	'92	'97	25	42	67	20	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0
Needham,	1857	Joseph Willett,	Ralph J. Haughton,	'91	'99	62	129	191	9	1	7	8	4	15	26	45	1	0
New Bedford, **Acushnet,**	1696	Dea. Fred. B. Hawes,	F. Lincoln Davis, *p.*	'93	'99	16	42	58	17	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
" North,	1807	William R. Chase,	John A. MacColl, *p. c.*	'83	'90	148	378	526	49	2	18	20	8	6	0	14	2	5
" Trinitarian,	1831	James C. Briggs,	Matthew C. Julien, *p. c.*	'72	'72	51	147	198	37	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	0
New Braintree,	1754	Dea. George K. Tufts,	Francis H. Boynton, *p.*	'64	'95	15	31	46	18	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0
Newbury,	1635	Dea. John C. Rolfe,	Charles S. Holton, *p. c.*	'92	'97	36	100	136	13	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	1	0
" **Byfield,**	1706		David C. Torrey, *p. c.*	'92	'92													
Newburyport, North,	1768	Joseph B. Smith,	Elmer E. Shoemaker, *p.c.*	'94	'99	118	285	403	77	2	3	5	9	8	0	17	2	5
" Prospect st.,	1793	Charles R. Todd,	Myron O. Patton, *p. c.*	'93	'95	64	183	247	39	3	0	3	3	3	0	6	1	3
" Belleville,	1808	Charles A. Currier,	{ Daniel T. Fiske, *p c. em.* '47 { Albert W.Hitchcock, *p.c.* '91		'47 '91	105	241	346	49	5	7	12	4	6	0	10	4	1
" Whitefield,	1850	Arthur B. Reed,	Frank G. Alger, *p. c.*	'86	'98	65	167	232	0	8	4	12	2	5	1	8	3	0
New Marlboro', 1st,	1744	Rev. Aaron W. Field,	Edwin C. Gillette, *p.*	'98	'98	13	21	34	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0
" **Southfield,**	1794	Howard A. Cook,	Edwin C. Gillette, *p.*	'98	'98	18	32	50	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" **Mill River,**	1871	Dea. E. W. Rhoades,	John B. Lewis, *p.*	'95	'97	22	41	63	5	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	0

a **Eddyville.** Miller's Falls, *see* Montague. Mill River, *see* New Marlboro'. Mittineague, *see* West Springfield. Millville, *see* Blackstone.
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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Medway, 3d, West				30		45	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	99	0	0
Melrose,	Frank G. Kellogg,	541	279	400	182	302	49	92	368	73	25	25	756	1,690	0	6,300
" Highlands,	Dea. Wm. W. Mason,	590	265	210	197	115	28	23	188	40	34	18	183	629	0	4,954
Merrimac,	S. A. McConnell,	331	177	231	126	36	0	15	36	0	1	0	26	114	0	3,107
Methuen,	Rev. Charles H. Oliphant,	213	112	175	40	178	73	18	8	71	19	0	422	789	0	3,000
Middleboro',	Augustus H. Soule,	150	63	130	55	133	17	18	90	19	25	15	0	317	0	1,200
" North,	N. W. Keith,	90	51	100	50	50	0	17	41	25	10	0	20	163	5,000	1,300
" Central,	A. F. Ryder,	321	191	325	101	362	0	27	122	32	9	12	282	846	0	4,376
Middlefield,	Wesley A. Olds,	80	39	55	50	27	3	3	12	9	3	0	26	83	0	976
Middleton,	H. Erskine Howe,	127	90	100	77	20	2	4	20	10	11	0	0	67	0	1,025
Milford,	W. B. Whiting,	297	155	293	84	172	80	58	49	75	52	0	734	1,220	94	4,500
Millbury,	Cora F. Woodbury,	86	58	92	41	137	15	23	46	52	25	0	225	523	0	1,888
" 2d,	George F. Chase,	139	91	128	40	257	119	44	100	40	22	0	24	606	0	1,825
Millis,	Evan F. Richardson,	m200	89	155	39	27	6	5	15	20	9	0	10	92	0	1,630
Milton,	H. B. Tucker, Mattapan,	185	66	113	43	174	30	0	48	78	12	0	19	361	0	1,700
" East,	Frank Kemp,	95	62	90	45	10	0	0	5	4	3	0	15	37	0	1,316
Monson,	Edward F. Morris,	277	126	215	76	301	48	52	165	87	35	17	58	763	0	3,400
Montague,	W. C. Cummings,	101	77	120	21	49	4	2	108	17	5	0	35	220	5,000	1,673
" Miller's F'ls,	Mrs. Laura A. Giles,	127	75	135	43	5	2	6	5	3	4	0	8	33	0	916
" Turner's F'ls,	Elmer D. Severance,	213	152	100	50	66	9	0	38	22	0	8	55	198	0	1,900
Monterey,	M. V. Thompson,	118	74	90	45	38	0	0	24	8	0	0	8	78	0	650
Mt. Washington,	J. T. Stocking,	20		15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	227
Nantucket,	Miss Charlotte A. Huxford,	130	62	110	46	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	22	0	0
Natick,	Henry C. Smith,	600	349	350	130	585	105	50	658	50	25	15	258	1,746	0	8,012
" South,	Rev. I. A. Burnap,	56	36	50	28	14	0	2	16	0	0	0	0	32	0	1,285
Needham,	Henry M. Walsadt,	125	95			170	0	7	0	0	0	0	15	192	0	1,450
New Bedford,	Daniel W. Kendrick,	72	42	100	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	19	0	1,500
" North,	Vinal F. Hatch,	524	246	325	75	677	23	26	537	62	29	123	1,176	2,953	0	7,429
" Trin.,	Clifton W. Bartlett,	300	200	300	37	140	0	0	388	41	23	0	836	1,428	427	6,316
New Braintree,	Dea. Horatio Moore,	50	23	52	27	13	0	0	13	33	10	0	3	72	0	760
Newbury,	William F. Humphreys,	182	116	210	70	87	50	25	223	64	25	17	53	544	0	1,986
" Byfield,																
Newburyport, N.	John T. Lunt,	300	120	265	60	85	11	14	134	73	7	0	0	324	0	2,865
" Prospect st.,	C. A. Bliss,	285	90	200	44	313	14	0	443	21	33	3	270	1,097	0	2,300
" Belleville,	George A. Dickey,	470		460	121	518	111	65	575	130	23	0	305	1,727	0	3,500
" Whitefield,	Samuel J. Hughes,	198	65	175	71	15	4	6	582	7	12	8	0	634	100	3,406
New Marlboro',	Henry R. Stevens,	32	16	50	25	1	0	0	10	2	0	0	7	20	0	325
" Southfield,	A. W. Chapin,	45	32	30	30	5	4	3	5	5	6	0	20	48	0	450
" Mill River,	Henry W. Keys,	78	38	90	40	20	0	0	27	4	7	0	2	60	0	860

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New Salem,	1845	Mrs. A. V. House,	Albert V. House, *p.*	'94	'94	30	40	70	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	+0	0	0
Newton 1st, Center,	1664	Edward L. Allen.	Edward M. Noyes, *p. c.*	'83	'94	155	260	415	39	13	16	29	8	12	0	+20	6	5
" 2d, West,	1781	Dea. Julius L. Clarke,	Henry J. Patrick, *p.c. em.* Theo. P. Prudden, *p. c.*	'54 '74	60 '94	105	259	364	42	1	10	11	6	6	0	12	0	2
" Eliot,	1845	Louis C. Stanton.	William H. Davis, *p. c.*	'77	'96	227	398	625	66	11	20	31	15	9	0	+24	6	5
" Auburndale,	1850	Henry G. Hildreth,	Calvin Cutler, *p. c. em.* Chas. M. Southgate, *p. c.*	'62 '70	'67 '95	127	249	376	81	6	10	16	1	14	0	15	1	2
" North,	1866	Reuben Forknall,	Henry E. Oxnard, *p.*	'94	'00	39	62	101	39	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	2
" Newtonville,	1868	Wallace C. Boyden,	Ozora S. Davis, *p. c.*	'96	'00	98	242	340	56	3	5	8	4	16	0	-20	1	2
" Highlands,	1872	William A. Wood,	Charles E. Havens, *p. c.*	'81	'93	73	166	239	46	6	14	20	6	6	0	-12	3	1
Norfolk,	1795	Lyman E. Ware,	Edson J. Moore, *p.*	'61	'85	17	38	55	19	1	0	1	0	0	2	-2	0	2
North Adams,	1827	Edwin Barnard,	William L. Tenney, *p. c.*	'88	'95	174	373	547	32	18	11	29	8	21	0	-29	5	10
Northampton, 1st,	1661	William G. Bassett,	Henry T. Rose, *p. c.*	'70	'92	110	361	471	30	1	7	8	7	2	0	9	1	3
" Edwards,	1833	Dea. S. E. Bridgman,	Peter McMillan, *p. c.*	'81	'99	125	333	458	68	5	15	20	9	6	0	15	3	12
" Florence,	1861	Dea. Geo. C. Kellogg,	Elisha G. Cobb, *p. c.*	'60	'66	94	252	346	50	10	7	17	4	9	1	-14	6	0
North Andover,	1834	Daniel W. Carney,	Henry E. Barnes, *p. c.*	'62	'93	105	184	289	80	0	0	0	3	1	0	-4	0	4
North Attleboro', Oldtown,	1712	Miss Mary A. Mathias,	John Whitehill, *p.*	'61	'69	23	44	67	8	2	0	2	2	0	0	∆2	1	0
" A. Falls,	1874	Edwin L. Evans,	Zenas Crowell, *p.*	'77	'00	21	61	82	8	4	0	4	0	4	0	-4	0	2
" Trinity,	1892	Dea. D. S. Hall,	Charles A. Ratcliffe, *p.*	'91	'96	22	64	86	10	0	0	0	1	4	2	-7	0	1
Northboro',	1832	Miss E. J. Yates,	Albert D. Smith, *p. c.*	'88	'96	29	77	106	25	0	6	6	2	1	0	-3	0	0
Northbridge Center,	1782	Dea. Joshua W. Morse,	James H. Childs, *p.*	'75	'84	23	56	79	21	2	3	5	3	6	1	-10	0	4
" Whitinsville,	1834	William J. Love,	John R. Thurston, *p. c.*	'59	'71	82	172	254	39	17	15	32	9	0	0	9	13	8
" Rockdale,	1879	H. A. Robie,	[Augustus P. Manwell, *Lic.*]		'00	14	37	51	5	5	3	8	0	4	0	-4	4	3
North Brookfield, 1st,	1752	Arthur F. Thompson,	John L. Sewall, *p. c.*	'82	'96	104	246	350	50	10	4	14	8	15	0	-23	3	5
" Union,	1854	Mrs. J. F. Stoddard, E.B.	[L. W. Snell, *Lic.*]		'00	30	78	108	21	5	1	6	2	2	2	∆6	3	7
Northfield, East,	1825	Miss Mary T. Dutton,	Cyrus I. Scofield, *p.*	'83	'96	141	264	405	42	29	15	44	2	58	0	-60	11	0
North Reading,	1720	Dea. Isaac A. Flint,	Eugene E. Colburn, *p.*	'75	'96	33	66	99	16	2	0	2	2	0	0	∆2	2	1
Norton,	1832	Miss Lucy D. Fozer,	Charles E. Harris, jr., *p.*	'94	'98	12	42	54	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0
Norwood,	1736	Herbert M. Plympton,	Charles F. Weeden, *p. c.*	'88	'95	94	148	245	33	5	4	9	3	10	0	-13	3	8
Oakham,	1767	Dea. Jesse Allen,	Allen A. Bronsdon, *p. c.*	'97	'97	30	81	111	26	1	0	1	3	2	0	-5	1	0
Orange, North,	1843	Rev. John H. Garman,	William Harris, *p.*	'76	'99	7	15	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	∆0	0	0
" Central,	1846	Frederic D. Kellogg,	Christopher W. Collier, *p.c.*	'94	'99	106	189	295	40	5	6	11	5	7	0	12	1	0
" *Swedish,*	1891	J. G. Blanquist,				42	44	86	8	0	0	0	1	1	2	-4	0	7
Orleans,	1646	Orville W. Crosby,	Everett I. Rackett, *p. c.*	'94	'93	29	107	136	3	1	1	2	5	0	0	5	1	0
Otis,	1779	Mrs. Mary J. Somes,	Charles S. Bates,	'90	'00	18	42	60	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	-2	0	0
Oxford,	1721	Mrs. Emily J. Pratt,				41	125	166	34	18	3	21	4	1	0	+5	12	1
Palmer, Thorndike,	1730	Charles F. Smith,				28	50	78	20	2	2	4	4	0	0	-4	0	1
" 2d,	1847	Orrin P. Allen,	Fosdick P. Harrison, *p. c.*	'94	'99	88	174	262	24	2	3	5	3	8	0	-11	0	4
" Three Rivers,	1876	Dea. Albert S. Geer,	Charles Olmstead, *p.*	'83	'98	98	108	206	78	1	8	9	2	6	0	-8	0	9
Paxton,	1767	William Brown,	George W. Clark,	'00	'98	21	64	85	20	0	0	0	4	0	0	-4	0	0
Peabody, South,	1713	Peter J. Frye,	George A. Hall, *p. c.*	'86	'86	81	216	297	63	2	2	4	6	4	0	-10	2	10
" 2d,	1874	Miss Mary Tudbury,	Lewis J. Thomas, *p.*	'78	'98	20	64	84	9	3	2	5	2	1	3	-6	2	0

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New Salem,	E. F. Stowell,	75	40	85	14	7	0	5	9	5	0	0	0	26	0	835
Newton, 1st, Cen.	Charles E. Kelsey,	280	213	265	94	2,374	499	244	2,864	1,121	253	77	1,489	8,921	0	7,784
" 2d, West,	Charles A. Sanders,	289	229	243	58	1,716	154	374	1,655	1,002	190	26	1,452	6,569	0	6,865
" Eliot,	William E. Harding,	449	320	330	124	7,222	3,393	1,707	13,298	1,331	387	371	4,312	32,021	0	15,783
" Auburndale,	Colon S. Ober,	405	209	140	106	2,940	121	92	1,360	246	86	55	1,617	6,517	0	6,815
" North,	William E. Lowry,	120	70	75	75	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	1,400
" Newtonville,	Charles W. Davidson,	320	212	250	40	383	135	45	409	223	33	47	178	1,453	0	10,147
" Highlands,	George H. Mellen,	218	123	189	76	637	75	49	493	134	22	19	86	1,515	0	5,521
Norfolk,	Edward W. Mann,	94	43	65	31	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	91	200	370
North Adams,	George W. Chase,	m475	355	425	60	390	66	38	492	79	0	88	595	1,748	0	10,050
Northampton, 1st	R. F. Armstrong,	176	135	360	90	1,548	191	123	1,062	752	50	0	461	4,187	0	10,150
" Edwards,	Charles H. Tucker,	375	213	420	50	625	0	44	238	160	36	0	150	1,253	0	6,237
" Florence	W. O. Sawin,	205	149	200	100	28	8	11	28	42	18	13	247	395	0	5,359
North Andover,	George E. Hathorne,	220	156	140	65	25	25	25	118	37	20	0	155	405	0	3,155
North Attleboro',	Rev. John Whitehill,	115	70	98	36	13	1	2	9	7	10	0	10	52	0	1,265
" A. Falls,	Mrs. F. Gurney,	195	88	60	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	958
" Trinity,	Robert G. Semple,	110	53	75	23	28	0	0	26	65	28	0	13	160	0	1,447
Northboro',	A. Eugene Parmenter,	126	67	97	26	52	6	20	52	39	42	22	35	268	0	1,580
Northbridge C.,	Rev. James H. Childs,	157	57	94	48	82	12	11	62	12	20	0	10	209	0	900
" Whitinsville,	Arthur F. Whitin,	334	210	271	92	5,084	1,815	629	2,629	2,544	725	835	399	14,660	0	3,777
" Rockdale,	Dea. B. W. Brown,	97	72	60	57	34	0	4	36	5	4	3	22	108	0	7,559
North Brookfield,	George W Gerry,	291	176	278	152	1,428	59	30	234	262	35	13	204	2,265	490	3,029
" Union,	Dea. F. A. Smith,	112	56		40	20	118	0	265	0	22	85	400	910	100	3,300
Northfield,	Ambert G. Moody,	375	200	150	42	289	0	72	141	41	0	0	0	543	0	3,814
North Reading,	Arthur F. Upton,	122	57	100	60	10	5	9	10	2	2	4	7	49	0	1,221
Norton,	Arthur E. Sweet,	52	25	65	31	169	0	0	183	199	0	0	7	558	0	1,321
Norwood,	H. E. Rice,	289	150	300	49	221	126	12	242	90	57	8	93	849	0	4,192
Oakham,	Dea. Horace W. Lincoln,	100	70	125	40	5	0	0	20	13	14	0	50	102	0	725
Orange, North,	Henry N. Frye,	40	25	22	12	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	56
" Central,	Landau H. Boutelle,	297	187	300	96	173	0	36	209	54	30	0	0	502	0	2,600
" *Swedish*,	Rev. J. M. Henrickson,	125	110	40	19	65	0	35	25	0	2	0	20	147	1,845	1,960
Orleans,	Freeman E. Snow,	117	65	130	32	33	0	4	47	15	10	4	0	113	0	1,262
Otis,	J. S. Adams,	m87	35	103	27	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	259
Oxford,	Dea. D. Milton Howe,	137	63	135	23	159	11	30	136	83	18	0	46	483	0	2,000
Palmer, Thorn'e,	Joseph F. Davis,	79	50	76	57	24	15	20	0	0	0	0	40	99	0	1,435
" 2d,	L. H. Gager.	230	154	230	77	159	23	24	79	56	34	10	275	660	0	3,291
" Three Rivers,	James H. Trickett,	195	110	100	105	111	0	10	74	23	0	0	195	413	0	1,657
Paxton,	Clinton Parkhurst,	40	32	64		28	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	38	0	570
Peabody, South,	Alden F. Rowell,	318	276		110	489	217	43	198	107	21	0	297	1,372	0	4,620
" 2d,	William T. Wolloff,	110	68	100	35	11	0	7	0	8	5	0	29	60	0	1,000

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Peabody, **West,**	1891	Dea F. K. McIntire,	Owen E. Hardy, *p.*	'94	'99	13	32	45	15	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	0	0
Pelham,	1837	Mrs. Lucy E. Tillson,	[Homer C. Broughton,]		'98	4	8	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Packardville, **Enfield,**	'69	D. O. Chickering,	[Homer C. Broughton,]		'97	10	15	25	6	0	0	0	1	3	2	6	0	0
Pepperell,	1747		J. Brainerd Thrall, *p.*	'78	'97	83	171	254	42	10	6	16	3	1	0	4	8	0
Peru,	1770	Dea. Jewett H. Geer,	Albert H. Plumb, jr., *p.*	'99	'98	18	30	48	22	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
Petersham,	1823	Dea. Chas. K. Wilder,	Preston R. Crowell, *p.*	'90	'97	3	23	26	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Phillipston,	1785	Mrs. Lyman B. Smith,	Preston R. Crowell, *p.*	'90	'97	20	35	55	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Pittsfield, 1st,	1764	Dea. H. A. Brewster,	Wm. V. W. Davis, *p. c.*	'77	'93	162	379	541	63	8	4	12	10	4	0	14	1	4
" 2d,	1846	Mrs. Leah Gardiner,	Samuel Harrison, *p.*	'50	'72	7	19	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
" South,	1850	Frank E. Pearson,	I. Chipman Smart, *p. c.*	'85	'85	180	294	474	25	11	11	22	10	3	0	13	10	4
" Pilgrim Mem.,	1897	Levi D. Case,	Raymond Calkins, *p. c.*	'96	'96	59	83	142	12	6	9	15	1	3	0	4	2	11
Plainfield,	1786	Dea. S. W. Clark,	Alonzo T. Lamb, *p.*	'93	'99	32	50	82	21	3	2	5	2	0	2	4	3	0
Plymouth, **Manomet,**	1738	Mrs. E. P. Bartlett,	Haig Adadourian, *p.*	'97	'97	19	36	55	10	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
" Pilgrimage,	1801	Charles F. Cole,	D. Melancthon James, *p.*	'87	'99	86	272	358	10	16	7	23	7	7	0	14	1	4
" **Chiltonville,**	1894	Miss L. B. Nickerson,	Frederick B. Noyes, *p.*	'90	'97	9	21	30	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0
Plympton,	1698	Miss B. W. Sherman,				17	54	71	24	0	0	0	1	3	1	5	0	0
Prescott,	1823	Miss Delta P. Allen,	William S. Anderson,	'97	'00	9	14	23	9	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0
Princeton,	1764	Miss Susie A. Davis,	Charles A. White, *p.*	'73	'88	55	130	185	40	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	2	1
Provincetown,	1714	Mrs. Mary N. Lewis,	Sidney Crawford,	'70	'00	8	35	43	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Quincy, Bethany,	1832	Ernest D. Gourd,	(Edward Norton, *p. em.*	'64	'74													
			) Edwin H. Hardy, *p. c.*	'90	'95	129	244	373	45	10	15	25	4	5	0	9	9	2
" **Wollaston,**	1876	Dea. Joseph W. Lovett,	Edward A. Chase, *p. c.*	'84	'99	49	87	136	26	0	0	0	0	3	5	8	0	2
" Wash. st., **Point,**	1883	Thos. B. Pollard, Q.	Edward Anderson, *p.*	'58	'98	12	37	49	6	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	4	3
" **Atlantic,**	1885	Wm. F. Cummings,	John H. Whitaker, *p.*	'93	'97	21	47	68	6	0	9	9	0	2	0	2	0	4
" *Swedish,*	1889	Charles V. Samuelson,	Chas. A. Bjornborn, *p.*	'92	'95	51	85	136	0	14	0	14	0	7	3	10	0	19
" Park and Downs,	1897	N. S. Sanford,	Fred. T. Knight, *p.*	'97	'97	12	20	32	3	1	4	5	0	2	0	2	0	2
Randolph,	1731	Wm. H. Leavitt,	Charles H. Hilton, *p. c.*	'71	'93	48	125	173	35	0	1	1	1	0	3	4	0	1
Raynham,	1731	E. B. King, **Taunton,**	Avery K. Gleason,	'86	'00	12	34	46	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" **North,**	1875	Willard M. Copeland,	Avery K. Gleason,	'86	'00	7	22	29	5	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Reading,	1849	Frank W. B. Pratt,	Frank S. Hunnewell, *p. c.*	'88	'98	128	327	455	82	2	4	6	10	7	0	17	0	4
Rehoboth,	1721	Miss E. B. Pierce,	Charles B. Wathen, *p.*	'89	'96	43	82	125	35	1	4	5	5	1	0	6	1	0
Revere, 1st,	1703	George A. Dalrymple,	Walter S. Eaton, *p. c.*	'91	'92	63	110	173	41	4	6	10	1	3	0	4	0	1
" Beachmont,	1881		William J. Murray,	'79	'00													
Richmond,	1765	A. Granville Sharp,	T. Clare Luce, *p. c.*	'85	'91	41	71	112	5	3	3	3	1	0	0	1	3	0
Rochester, 1st,	1703	Dea. John S. Ryder,				15	41	56	13	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
" North,	1753	Dea. Geo. H. Randall,	Caleb L. Rotch, *p.*	'79	'99	12	16	28	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" E., W. Wareham,	1887	George P. Morse,	[Edward J. Ruliffson, *Lic.*]		'99	31	47	78	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Rockland,	1813	Joshua S. Smith,	Fred H. Allen, *p.*	'74	'95	97	192	289	46	2	4	6	6	2	0	8	1	0
Rockport, 1st,	1755	Dea. Calvin W. Pool,	Israel Ainsworth, *p. c.*	'80	'91	46	156	202	22	0	0	0	6	3	0	9	0	2
" **Pigeon Cove,**	1874	Mrs. Charles S. Hale,	Arthur H. Pingree, *p.*	'98	'98	10	38	48	9	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
" *Swedish,*	1892	J. M. Landergren,	Frank A. Lindholm, *p.*	'98	'99	16	19	35	1	4	1	5	0	0	2	2	0	4
Rowley,	1639	Benjamin P. Mighill,	David Fraser, *p. c.*	'95	'98	44	119	163	30	15	0	15	6	0	0	6	9	0
Royalston,	1766	Dea. Frank W. Adams,	Francis J. Fairbanks, *p. c.*	'64	'93	33	70	103	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
" South,	1837	Mrs. E. Bodett,	James A. Bates, *p.*	'60	'98	20	42	62	23	0	3	3	3	1	0	4	0	0

Pigeon Cove, *see* Rockport. Rockdale, *see* Northbridge. Roxbury, *see* Boston.

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Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Peabody,	A. W. Felt,	90	50	80	35	8	0	7	21	9	0	0	0	45	0	659
Pelham,	Horace C. Broughton,	15	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
" Packardville,	John Knight, Pelham,	40	28	20	8	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	106
Pepperell,	Lyman C. Blood,	269	145	185	73	91	44	19	194	99	16	0	125	588	0	2,267
Peru,	Edwin Shumway,	35	24	33	35	24	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	30	0	187
Petersham,	Augustus Skinner,	35	20	20	18	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	21	0	58
Phillipston,	Lyman B. Smith,	64	29	33	26	8	0	0	17	0	6	0	0	31	0	458
Pittsfield, 1st,	Rev. Cornelius Cook,	352	244	475	79	836	70	140	999	231	50	40	2,759	5,125	1,000	8,467
" 2d,	James Jacobs,	m70	25	20	38	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	275
" South,	Edward Tolman,	295	188	200	150	85	21	12	75	15	18	14	200	440	0	3,000
" Pilgrim M.,	Rev. Raymond Calkins,	250	142	130	49	40	2	4	13	8	2	2	90	161	0	1,680
Plainfield,	Dea. J. A. Winslow,	96	53	75	27	0	0	6	13	10	3	0	0	32	0	483
Plymouth, Man.,	Dea. Gideon H. Clark,	80	40	93	25	14	0	5	15	4	0	0	3	41	0	550
" Pilgrimage,	William B. Welch,	332	175	425	90	195	10	10	154	282	2	0	200	853	0	5,200
" Chiltonville,	Eugene Finney,	40	35	50	17	31	10	11	50	11	10	6	0	129	0	1,375
Plympton,	Dea. J. F. Ellis,	80	48	100	27	46	2	3	20	14	5	1	14	105	0	801
Prescott,	W. F. Wendermuth,	28	18	36	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	8	0	515
Princeton,	W.M.Roper, jr., E.Hubbardston	m172	70	152	35	291	80	19	105	137	11	0	164	807	0	1,750
Provincetown,	James E. Rich,	58	44	44	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	653
Quincy, Beth.,	Charles Sampson,	479	270	400	115	161	65	100	340	76	65	0	1,004	1,811	0	4,854
" Wollaston,	Charles A. Campbell,	216	109		40	136	154	172	215	57	25	0	252	1,011	0	3,168
" Wash'gton st.,	Charles H. Sherburne,	145	78	154	29	0	0	5	0	12	0	0	16	33	0	1,179
" Atlantic,	W F. Blake,	180	116	100	55	0	0	0	17	6	0	0	62	79	0	1,200
" *Swedish*,	Charles Leander,	136	125		35	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	340	0	1,147
" Pk. & Downs,	Levi H. Millbery,	171	84	117	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	8	0	1,204
Randolph,	M. M. Baker,	110	65		50	202	45	0	229	163	48	0	54	741	0	2,900
Raynham,		84	37	73	15	14	15	6	15	14	6	0	0	70	0	600
" North,	Dea. William Palmer,	45	26	71	12	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	7	0	217
Reading,	Albin K. Parker,	544	240	325	174	611	105	105	1,011	214	35	117	324	2,522	0	5,250
Rehoboth,	Henry T. Horton,	136	56	100	58	49	0	0	7	5	14	0	50	125	0	1,100
Revere, 1st,	F. Irving Weston,	180	95	200	100									0	0	2,500
" Beachmont,																
Richmond,	A. G. Kiltz,	200	78	68	73	102	0	0	37	0	13	0	50	202	0	1,700
Rochester, 1st,	Dea. George B. Haskell,	43	27	75	30	87	3	10	44	9	15	4	8	180	0	900
" North,	E. E. Reynolds,	33	25	30	20	0	0	0	9	8	0	0	0	17	0	278
" East,	Mrs. I. F. Barrows,	80	50	55	50	25	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	30	0	650
Rockland,	Clarence E. Rice,	387	151	270	75	55	7	10	55	30	15	15	155	342	585	4,124
Rockport, 1st,	Dea. Henry C. Davis,	213	116	220	80	66	7	20	62	11	23	6	140	335	0	2,130
" Pig. Cove,	Thomas Whigham,	60	40	70	40	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	10	20	0	550
" *Swedish*,	P. Johnson,	46	40	35	9	5	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	12	0	353
Rowley,	Willard P. Smith,	122	70	125	51	60	0	9	68	18	15	10	27	207	0	1,400
Royalston,	Frank W. Adams, M. D.	120	76	90	34	97	0	7	81	22	5	0	0	212	0	1,075
" South,	Dea. Alfred I. Richmond,	63	56	84	23	16	0	0	40	8	0	0	15	79	0	515

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Rutland,	1727	Dea. Wm. C. Temple,				73	99	172	49	0	0	0	7	4	0	11	0	0
Salem, Tabernacle,	1735	Dea. E. L. Woodbury,	DeWitt S. Clark, *p. c.*	'68	'79	82	297	379	35	3	9	12	6	8	0	14	2	2
" South,	1735	Charles H. Hayward,	James F. Brodie, *p. c.*	'82	'89	58	186	244	0	1	3	4	10	2	2	14	0	5
" Crombie st.	1832	Dea. Henry J. Pratt,	John W. Buckham, *p. c.*	'88	'90	49	158	207	33	4	1	5	3	1	0	4	2	1
Sandisfield,	1756	Mrs. Sarah J. Hawley,	George C. Bliss, *p.*	'95	'99	10	31	41	18	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
" **New Boston,**	1874	Hiram Bliss,	George C. Bliss, *p.*	'95	'99	11	33	44	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandwich,	1638	Dea. S. R. Bourne,	Fred K. Ellsworth, *p.*	'98	'99	37	85	122	9	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2
Saugus,	1732	Dea. John E. Stocker,	John C. Labaree, *p.*	'63	'93	15	48	63	18	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
" **Cliftondale,**	1888	Mrs. A. B. Smith,	W.ShermanThompson,*p.c.*	'91	'96	30	90	120	16	6	15	21	0	4	0	4	3	6
Scituate, Center,	1639	Miss Mary F. Perry,	Albert Bryant, *p.*	'65	'99	24	59	83	10	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0
Seekonk,	1888	Mrs. James Knapp,	Hiram E. Johnson, *p.*	'59	'97	15	16	31	10	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sharon,	1741	Dea. S. W. Billings,	Almon J. Dyer, *p. c.*	'86	'97	39	88	127	12	0	8	8	2	1	0	3	0	1
Sheffield,	1735	Dea. D. Boardman,	Evarts W. Pond, *p. c.*	'95	'96	35	93	128	19	0	6	6	5	7	6	18	0	1
Shelburne,	1770	Dea. L. G. Alvord,	Joseph A. Goodrich, *p.*	'96	'96	62	117	179	17	3	1	4	5	4	0	9	3	0
" **Falls,**	1850	Charles H. Ball,	William A. Bacon, *p. c.*	'95	'99	50	143	193	28	9	11	20	5	1	0	6	5	7
Sherborn,	1685	Mrs. D. P. D. Coolidge,	Edmund Dowse, *p. c.*	'38	'38	31	76	107	38	1	0	1	4	4	0	8	0	4
Shirley,	1828	Rev. Joseph Torrey,	Joseph Torrey, *p.*	'60	'93	31	68	99	26	2	2	4	1	5	0	6	1	2
Shrewsbury,	1723	Charles O. Green,	Edward A. Lathrop, *p.*	'95	'95	23	81	104	5	4	4	8	4	1	0	5	3	0
Shutesbury,	1742	Nathaniel A. Briggs,	[Alfred T. Sadler],		'98	18	38	56	20	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0
Somerset,	1861	Rev. Jas. A. Anderson,	James A. Anderson, *p.*	'89	'99	11	31	42	20	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	0
Somerville, 1st,	1855	G. A. Southworth,	Robert W. Wallace, *p. c.*	'72	'97	96	223	319	61	7	7	14	8	9	0	17	3	0
" Broadway,	1864	Frank E. Hodgkins,	Horace H. Leavitt, *p. c.*	'73	'94	146	253	399	40	10	7	17	7	8	0	15	1	3
" West,	1874	A. J. Whittemore,	Eddy T. Pitts, *p.*	'82	'00	109	215	324	3	9	12	21	0	11	0	11	0	5
" Prospect Hill,	1874	John L. Ambrose,	Edward S. Tead, *p. c.*	'78	'84	128	233	361	0	9	9	18	7	6	1	14	0	3
" Winter Hill,	1883	Edwin A. Stone,	Charles L. Noyes, *p. c.*	'81	'83	78	155	233	12	6	7	13	2	1	0	3	4	10
" Highland,	1894	Frank L. Pearson,	George S. Anderson, *p.*	'91	'94	46	98	144	14	9	16	25	3	3	0	6	4	10
Southampton,	1743	Henry L. Parsons,	John Cowan, *p.*	'75	'97	53	101	154	30	2	0	2	4	4	0	8	0	1
Southboro,	1831	Henry A. McMaster,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'93	20	62	82	29	0	1	1	5	9	0	14	0	0
" **Southville,**	1865	Miss Annie E. Pearl,	Martin F. Mevis, *p.*	'93	'95	14	27	41	11	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
Southbridge,	1801	Rev. W. A. Hadley,	Willis A. Hadley, *p. c.*	'78	'97	74	129	203	48	2	9	11	2	6	0	8	2	3
South Hadley,	1733	Calvin Preston,	Arthur B. Patten, *p. c.*	'94	'97	76	216	292	56	17	6	23	9	3	1	13	8	4
" **Falls,**	1824	Dea. Arthur S. Chapin,	G. Walter Fiske, *p. c.*	'98	'00	74	180	254	72	0	4	4	3	8	0	11	2	0
Southwick,	1773	Edward Gillett,	Lyndon S. Crawford,	'79	'00	26	54	80	14	3	2	5	2	4	0	6	3	0
Spencer,	1744	Dea. Geo. H. Marsh,	Sherman W. Brown, *p. c.*	'93	'93	128	262	390	49	13	3	16	6	13	0	19	9	0
Springfield, 1st,	1637	A. L. Janes,	Frank L. Goodspeed, *p. c.*	'87	'94	326	742	1068	177	21	41	62	18	18	0	36	10	9
" Olivet,	1833	Dea. J. B. Roberts,	Edwin H. Hadlock, *p. c.*	'93	'99	80	224	304	42	7	12	19	3	5	0	8	1	1
" South,	1842	William A. Lincoln,	Philip S. Moxom, *p. c.*	'71	'94	144	333	477	95	1	14	15	7	7	1	15	2	0
" North,	1846	Ralph P. Alden,	Newton M. Hall, *p*	'91	'99	138	301	439	56	1	3	4	9	15	0	24	1	0
" **Ind. Orchard,**	1848	William Nield.	William T. Hutchins, *p.c.*	'76	'92	64	98	162	28	0	2	2	1	6	14	21	0	4
" Hope,	1876	George H. Munroe,	Samuel H. Woodrow, *p. c.*	'88	'98	225	436	661	54	10	40	50	3	20	18	41	4	14
" *French,*	1886	Henri David,	Thomas S. St. Aubin, *p. c.*	'93	'97	16	17	33	3	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	1
" Eastern av.,	1888	Dea. F. B. Miller,	John W. Conklin, *p.*	'76	'99	70	60	130	21	2	1	3	4	7	16	27	0	1
" Emmanuel,	1888	Rev. D. L. Kebbe,	David L. Kebbe, *p. c.*	'91	'95	19	57	76	11	6	8	14	2	8	0	10	3	2
" Park,	1889	John G. Woods,	Allen E. Cross, *p. c.*	'92	'96	59	107	166	15	10	14	24	1	3	0	4	3	4

Saundersville, *see* Grafton. Saxonville, *see* Framingham. Scotland, *see* Bridgewater. Southfield, *see* New Marlboro. Southville, *see* Southboro

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Rutland,	E. W. Ward,	175	75	120	60	55	0	0	60	15	5	0	0	135	0	1,250
Salem, Tab'cle,	Wm. A. Kirkpatrick,	505	321	312	152	542	1,391	30	667	185	130	32	2,297	5,274	0	6,400
" South,	William A. Mann,	306	212	244	65	512	0	38	587	154	12	0	1,338	2,641	3,500	0
" Crombie st.	Arthur F. Smith,	166	91	160	60	185	0	0	164	79	0	0	429	857	0	3,675
Sandisfield,	L. A. Hawley,	27	20	28	10	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	9	0	170
"	J. A. Northway,	45	20	70	29	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	0	14	0	200
Saudwich,	E. S. Talbot,	75	50	70	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,486
Saugus,	John E. Stocker,	130	78	85	40	91	14	0	77	26	0	0	75	283	0	925
" Clift'd'e,	Roland B. Watson,	238	132	170	88	36	6	8	58	14	6	0	0	128	0	2,630
Scituate,	Rev. Albert Bryant,	100	51	100	30	49	1	2	10	0	0	1	0	63	50	1,172
Seekonk,	David S. Peck,	88	33	30	31	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	265
Sharon,	Dea. Sanford W. Billings,	165	91	100	65	36	32	11	147	34	16	0	80	356	0	3,129
Sheffield,	R. F. Little,	80	51	80	50	97	5	5	68	22	4	0	18	219	0	1,500
Shelburne,	Austin L. Peck,	160	89	85	45	150	20	46	74	81	41	4	84	500	0	1,565
" Falls,	C. A. Holbrook,	180	110	159	56	139	32	65	41	26	8	9	58	378	0	1,777
Sherborn,	Elijah C. Barber,	106	64	100	33	30	10	5	80	35	3	0	80	243	0	1,200
Shirley,	George Balch,	103	44	63	65	30	0	8	36	10	13	0	13	110	0	900
Shrewsbury,	David B. Rice,	140	63	125	60	77	0	0	38	35	0	9	88	247	0	2,200
Shutesbury,						25	0	12	25	0	0	0	13	75	0	300
Somerset,	F. A. Morrill,	61	39		20	15	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	568
Somerville, 1st,	Edwin S. Conant,	430	262	350	120	67	19	8	159	35	8	0	910	1,206	0	4,722
" Broadway,	Charles J. Hooper,	485	273	325	125	391	9	15	446	15	8	6	1,322	2,212	0	8,000
" West,	F. F. Phillips,	299	134	300	77	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	87	132	0	3,177
" Prospect Hill,	S. Gardner Higgins,	471	263		88	72	24	30	58	117	56	30	431	818	0	7,106
" Winter Hill,	John Herbert,	185	146	106	50	257	46	10	62	128	0	0	855	1,358	0	6,000
" Highland,	William H. Marshall,	271	150	200	40	32	0	0	35	19	0	0	144	230	0	3,010
Southampton,	Edward K. Parsons,	134	74	92	44	137	8	16	70	131	21	9	41	433	0	1,300
Southboro,	Henry A. McMaster,	75	42	50	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	56	0	1,500
" Southville,	Frank A. Pearl,	32	20	30	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	255
Southbridge,	Alva L. Hyde,	165	85	125	78	129	0	0	112	26	10	0	0	277	0	2,615
South Hadley,	Charles E. Preston,	195	119	200	74	746	16	20	218	195	19	11	237	1,462	0	2,320
" Falls,	August W. Hoffman,	236	173	150	60	177	75	15	300	125	11	13	150	866	0	2,800
Southwick,	W. B. Harding,	70	24	60	0	0	0	1	6	2	2	0	2	13	0	769
Spencer,	Victor H. Morse,	433	217	400	100	758	30	100	677	253	80	0	402	2,300	0	4,648
Springfield, 1st,	Milton A. Dixon,	927	409	1,004	135	1,494	4,927	51	4,393	1,279	156	67	2,159	14,526	0	10,400
" Olivet,	Charles Erminger,	164	107	220	92	380	9	7	135	19	46	12	167	775	0	3,719
" South,	George D. Chamberlain,	268	178	275	112	1,391	770	84	1,632	2,796	186	117	17,002	23,978	0	13,349
" North,	Walter A. Brown,	310	160	125	119	252	5	16	64	14	265	0	100	716	0	5 526
" Indian Orch.,	John Chandler,	221	123	150	107	74	60	0	39	15	0	0	232	420	0	1,400
" Hope,	Z. W. Kemp,	731	423	565	140	216	186	18	331	106	33	50	968	1,908	0	7,350
" *French*,	Rev. T. S St. Aubin,	37	23	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	430
" Eastern av.,	George W. Pease,	200	100	250	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	0	2,000
" Emmanuel,	J. W. Ewig,	196	123	100	59	5	5	0	5	2	3	0	0	20	1,173	1,935
" Park,	Charles A. Jacobus,	275	155	200	53	132	60	16	119	79	58	18	111	593	0	4,659

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Springfield, St. John's,	1890	William B. James,	William N. DeBerry, *p. c.*	'99	'99	37	71	108	4	1	2	3	2	2	5	9	1	0
" *Swedish*,	1891	Fred Anderson,	Gustaf Lindstrom, *p. c.*	'98	'98	22	44	66	3	7	2	9	0	3	0	3	0	2
" Faith,	1894	Arthur C. Eddy,				42	103	145	14	2	9	11	0	6	0	6	2	2
Sterling,	1852	Mrs. C. L. Kingsbury,	Joseph N. Haskell,	'00	'00	19	57	76	8	7	0	7	1	2	0	3	3	0
Stockbridge,	1734	Charles A. Bidwell,	Charles S. Rich, *p. c.*	'96	'96	72	143	215	34	0	2	2	7	2	0	9	0	5
" Curtisville,	1824	Edward L. Heath,	Edward C. Sedgewick,	'00	'97	30	40	70	6	3	1	4	2	6	1	9	2	0
Stoneham,	1729	Dea O. W. Richardson,	Charles E. Beals, *p. c.*	'94	'97	91	208	299	76	11	6	17	4	7	11	22	7	9
Stoughton,	1799	Miss Mattie S. Sawyer,	Henry E. Bray, *p.*	'89	'99	39	88	127	30	1	5	6	1	2	0	3	1	1
Sturbridge,	1736	Dea. John F. Hebbard, *a*	Augustus M. Rice, *p.*	'73	'93	26	71	97	27	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0
Sudbury, South,	1640	Dea. F. F. Walker,	Clarence W. Rouse, *p. c.*	'90	'94	58	107	165	25	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	3	1
Sunderland,	1718	Miss A. T. Montague,	Edward P. Butler, *p. c.*	'74	'89	96	136	232	20	0	8	8	2	2	0	4	0	0
Sutton,	1720	C. S. White, Wilkinsonville,	John C. Hall, *p. c.*	'90	'91	42	101	143	45	0	2	2	3	4	0	7	0	0
Swampscott,	1846	Barnet W. Redfern,	D. Emery Burtner, *p.*	'90	'98	30	112	142	22	0	16	16	2	2	0	4	0	1
Taunton, West,	1637	Mrs. W. Chase, jr.,	[Abram L. Bean, *Christ'n,*]	'92	'98	12	31	43	11	1	2	3	3	0	3	6	0	0
" Trinitarian,	1821	Dea. C. E. Walker,	Francis A. Fate, *p. c.*	'94	'98	80	193	273	38	5	6	11	8	2	3	13	2	2
" Winslow,	1837	Dea. Geo. W. Andros,	S. Hopkins Emery, *p.c.em.* / T. Clayton Welles, *p. c.*	'37 / '72	'46 / '92	93	214	307	25	6	9	15	4	1	9	14	4	7
" East,	1853	Charles W. King,	Halah H. Loud, *p.*	'97	'97	20	49	69	0	11	3	14	3	5	0	8	5	3
" Union,	1868	Frank R. Knox,	Frank L. Luce, *p. c.*	'95	'97	50	153	203	25	4	3	7	5	1	0	6	0	1
Templeton,	1832	John M. Brown,	Gabriel B. Kambour, *p. c.*	'93	'93	28	55	83	20	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
" Baldwinville,	1874	Miss M. B. Raymond,	John W. Hird, *p. c.*	'79	'89	43	76	119	23	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	1	2
Tewksbury	1735	Mrs. E. J. Taylor,	J. Herbert Yeoman, *p.*	'77	'99	35	81	116	18	0	7	7	1	8	0	9	0	1
Tolland,	1797	Wellington F. Hale,				14	22	36	5	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Topsfield,	1663	Miss Ada J. Todd,	Herbert J. Wyckoff,	'98	'00	46	100	146	29	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	1	0
Townsend,	1734	Mrs. A. C. Josselyn,	Benjamin A. Willmott,	'96	'00	45	121	166	40	7	0	7	8	3	0	11	6	0
Truro,	1711	Dea. Daniel E. Paine,	George O. Thompson, *p.*	'89	'99	9	21	30	5	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
" North,	1840	Mrs. Benjamin Coan,				0	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Tyngsboro,	1868	Dea. John P. Coburn,	Sarah A. Dixon, *p.*	'97	'97	20	45	65	15	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	4
Upton,	1735	Olive M. Johnson,	Alexander Wiswall, *p. c.*	'79	'92	43	166	209	30	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0
Uxbridge,	1730	Dr. W. L. Johnson,	Frank L. Bristol, *p. c.*	'75	'88	30	101	131	26	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	5
Wakefield,	1645		Albert P. Davis, *p. c.*	'94	'94	154	316	470	109	3	10	13	11	5	1	17	1	4
Walpole,	1826	Samuel E. Bentley,				50	133	183	49	0	2	2	4	1	12	17	0	2
" East,	1877	Miss Sarah E. Pettee,	Benjamin F. Perkins, *p.*	'65	'97	10	19	29	6	1	3	4	2	0	0	2	1	2
Waltham,	1820	J. Winfield Peugh,	Charles E. Harrington, *p.c.*	'74	'94	157	371	528	0	3	8	11	12	12	56	80	1	3
" *Swedish*,	1892	Sigfried Hall,	Carl A. Lundgren, *p.*	'93	'96	17	53	70	3	16	4	20	0	3	3	6	1	4
Ware,	1751	Miss M. R. Howard,	Edward L. Chute, *p.*	'80	'96	17	48	65	11	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	2	1
" East,	1826	Henry K. Hyde,	Austin B. Bassett, *p. c.*	'87	'91	144	324	468	71	8	19	27	12	9	0	21	4	16
" *French*,	1887	Rev. J. G. Knotter,	James G. Knotter,	'96	'98	10	11	21	5	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wareham,	1739	Miss Harriet E. Smith,	Charles B. Mitchell, *p.*	'98	'99	16	45	61	20	1	3	4	2	6	0	8	1	2
Warren, 1st,	1743	E. F. Wood,	William B. Oleson, *p. c.*	'77	'98	101	183	284	83	2	7	9	7	1	0	8	0	0
Warwick,	1829	Dea. E. C. Chase,	William Harris, *p.*	'76	'99	17	29	46	7	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0
Watertown,	1855	Arthur Stockin,	Edward C. Porter, *p. c.*	'84	'89	106	218	324	48	16	8	24	5	4	0	9	10	5
Wayland,	1828	Frederick H. Fowler,	Benjamin C. Wood, *p.*	'94	'98	16	33	49	17	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0

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Springfield, St. J.	Edward A. Treadwell,	87	54	55	105	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	8	0	812
" *Swedish*,	Mathilda Salem,	40	35	22	25	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	70	76	33	840
" Faith,	David Hale,	155	85	140	32	25	0	0	50	0	35	0	137	247	0	2,252
Sterling,	Arthur S. Wilder,	90	46		65	38	0	18	23	22	0	0	14	115	0	1,025
Stockbridge,	Clarence H. Perry,	67	37	90	37	148	0	14	153	104	19	11	171	620	0	2,743
" Cur.	Frank A. Palmer,	80	53	40	27	53	5	28	59	15	6	0	30	196	0	675
Stoneham,	James W. MacDonald,	350	153	300	122	94	9	13	230	39	30	0	110	525	13	4,608
Stoughton,	John Comstock,	263	112	170	73	28	0	0	36	23	0	0	90	177	0	1,478
Sturbridge,	John F. Hebbard, **Fiskdale**,	80	48	80	27	97	10	11	0	115	7	0	0	240	0	1,325
Sudbury,	Francis F. Walker,	123	66	46	42	30	9	9	92	147	11	8	30	266	0	1,644
Sunderland,	Frank O. Williams,	171	121	113	65	174	33	57	259	78	81	0	25	707	0	1,712
Sutton,	D.A.Brigham, **Wilkinsonv'le**	120	57	137	33	38	12	18	78	15	18	3	150	332	0	1,125
Swampscott,	Harold Childs,	190	104	212	55	125	9	14	104	50	13	5	50	370	0	2,350
Taunton, West,	Lewis P. Luther,	50	30	60	35	21	0	0	0	19	0	0	10	50	195	985
" Trin.,	Frederick E. Austin,	322	150	260	127	337	195	38	274	170	35	0	867	1,916	0	5,533
" Winslow,	Carlton F. Sanford,	m430	221	275	130	294	12	35	105	85	28	13	780	1,352	0	4,600
" East,	James W. Richmond,	102	40	80	25	25	2	5	11	3	5	2	7	60	300	2,350
" Union,	William F. Rose,	246	156	250	97	118	5	15	131	20	5	5	247	546	0	2,795
Templeton,	Moses A. Winch,	81	41	52	33	20	0	0	10	17	0	0	7	54	0	650
" Baldwinville,	H. S. Morley,	m2	83	125	85	15	0	0	46	0	25	0	500	586	1,000	1,575
Tewksbury,	Irving M. Locke,	119	57	135	28	0	0	0	0	17	5	0	90	112	500	1,789
Tolland,	Mrs. Hattie E. Hale,	40	30	19	0	0	0	0	27	0	10	0	25	62	0	185
Topsfield,	Albert M. Dodge,	133	54	125	60	20	5	0	15	0	0	0	60	100	0	0
Townsend,	Albert S. Howard,	190	106	140	107	66	6	0	51	25	32	0	20	200	200	2,000
Truro,	John B. Dyer,	50	30	30	0	8	0	0	11	4	0	0	4	27	0	590
" North,	Miss Elisabeth C. Dutton,	45		50	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	25	0	600
Tyngsboro,	Mrs. M. L. Blanchard,	138	72	75	47	9	0	9	12	20	7	0	70	127	0	1,049
Upton,	A. P. Williams, **W. Upton**,	177	108	200	70	27	10	5	19	21	3	3	204	292	0	1,235
Uxbridge,	Augustus Storey,	230	156	173	75	37	0	17	61	22	24	6	26	193	0	1,717
Wakefield,	Augustus D. Dimick,	480	206	325	150	405	252	35	144	155	56	0	339	1,386	0	5,000
Walpole,	Gilman F. Allen,	200	122	140	83	127	13	26	332	37	72	15	0	622	0	1,685
" East,	J. Lewis Boyden,	93	49	100	19	14	0	0	22	25	10	0	0	71	0	672
Waltham,	Adolph S. Batchelder,	476	270	425	135	108	56	16	134	98	10	11	289	722	200	15,000
" *Swedish*,	Victor Landström,	35	30	20	38	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	31	42	0	1,057
Ware,	Rev. E. L. Chute,	90	45	55	26	34	3	7	17	14	6	0	17	98	0	580
" East,	William G. Hamilton,	425	295	328	125	834	2,402	89	1,117	304	50	0	1,061	5,857	0	4,950
" *French*,	Rev. J. G. Knotter,	16	12	12	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	10	0	100
Wareham,	John W. Freeman, Jr.,	110	68	100	39	25	6	0	0	6	12	0	0	49	0	1,214
Warren, 1st,	W. E. Patrick,	220	155	190	45	299	92	45	463	178	48	15	15	1,155	0	2,960
Warwick,	Dea. Wm. E. Blackmer,	55	42	39	28	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	525
Watertown,	Orlendo W. Dimick,	226	118	175	60	6,551	80	0	438	133	0	0	692	7,894	0	3,175
Wayland,	William S. Lovell,	45	32	50	24	22	0	0	0	0	7	0	9	38	0	900

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Webster,	1838	Edward L. Spalding,	Andrew Campbell, *p.*	'96	'99	69	144	213	40	1	1	2	3	9	0	12	0	0
Wellesley,	1798	Miss G. A. Pomeroy,	Edward H. Chandler, *p. c.*	'92	'97	88	196	284	67	10	12	22	3	5	1	9	3	3
" Hills,	1847	T. Wallace Travis,	Parris T. Farwell, *p. c.*	'83	'95	37	87	124	14	2	2	4	0	5	0	5	2	4
Wellfleet,	1723	Dea. Thomas Kemp,	Egbert N. Munroe, *p.*	'81	'99	44	102	146	47	1	2	3	7	5	0	12	1	0
" South,	1833	Winslow Paine,				14	34	48	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wendell,	1774	Mrs. Ellen Baker,	Edward P. Seymour, *p.*	'92	'96	16	24	40	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Wenham,	1663	Benj. H. Conant,	Morris H. Turk, *p.*	'98	'98	23	54	77	25	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Westboro,	1724	Otis K. Newton,	Merle A. Breed, *p.*	'93	'95	117	249	366	78	3	6	9	12	12	0	24	1	4
West Boylston,	1796	Dea. E. B. Rice, Greendale,	Samuel A. Harlow, *p.*	'82	'96	29	62	91	26	0	0	0	4	2	1	7	0	1
West Brookfield,	1717	C. E. Smith,	J. Howard Gaylord, *p. c.*	'99	'99	51	138	189	26	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	0
Westfield, 1st,	1679	Rev. J. H. Lockwood,	John H. Lockwood, *p. c.*	'71	'79	115	364	479	66	2	8	10	7	1	0	8	1	3
" 2d,	1856	Albert E. Saunders,	William C. Gordon, *p. c.*	'89	'00	122	281	403	73	0	6	6	5	14	0	19	0	9
Westford,	1828	Leonard W. Wheeler,	Elijah H. Roper, *p.*	'97	'97	16	54	70	18	3	0	3	3	1	1	5	1	0
Westhampton,	1779	Dea. F. D. Bridgman,	William C. Scofield, *p.*	'51	'99	82	114	196	37	3	0	3	10	2	10	22	1	5
Westminster,	1742	James B. Wood,	John W. Lees, *p.*	'70	'85	47	101	148	25	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	3	0
West Newbury, 1st,	1698	Granville S. Goodrich,	Chalmer H. Cooledge, *p.*	'83	'98	39	75	114	12	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	2	0
" 2d,	1731	Miss Emily A. Bailey,				17	91	108	30	0	4	4	1	3	0	4	0	0
Weston,	1891	Mrs. Ella J. Fuller,	Frank J. Noyes,	'00	'00	8	13	21	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Westport,	1858	Mrs. Susan E. Gammons,	George P. Byington, *p.*	'68	'99	11	32	43	15	0	3	3	0	2	0	2	0	1
West Springfield,	1698	Dea. J. M. Smith,	[George W. Love, *Meth.*]		'00	35	75	110	25	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	0
" Mittineague,	1850	E. H. Shepard,	Alpheus M. Spangler, *p. c.*	'88	'88	95	144	239	62	1	3	4	3	2	0	5	0	9
" Park st.,	1871	Ethan Brooks,	William H. Webb, *p.*	'61	'98	54	119	173	20	5	6	11	4	0	0	4	2	2
West Stockbridge, Center,	1789	Mrs. H. A. Roberts,	Walter W. Curtis, *p.*	'72	'90	6	15	21	8	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0
" Village,	1833	Cyrus W. Sprague,	Walter W. Curtis, *p.*	'72	'83	26	71	97	24	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0
West Tisbury,	1673	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	Royal C. Moodie, *p.*	'81	'99	32	75	107	21	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	2	0
Westwood, Islington,	1878	Marcus L. Haye,	Warren F. Bickford, *p.*	'76	'91	4	17	21	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Weymouth, 1st, Heights,	1623	Mrs. Chas. M. Taylor,	Robert R. Kendall, *p. c.*	'78	'91	23	63	86	20	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	1
" Old South, South,	1723	Alfred O. Crawford,	Henry C. Alvord, *p. c.*	'79	'86	34	102	136	34	1	0	1	5	2	0	7	1	1
" and Braintree,	1811	Miss J. McGregor, E. B.	Henry S. Snyder, *p.*	'85	'97	30	133	153	30	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	4
" Union, South,	1842	S. A. Vining,	Frank E. Butler, *p.*	'87	'96	47	122	169	30	2	2	4	5	1	0	6	1	4
" Pilgrim, North,	1852	Dea. Wilson Beane,	Thomas H. Vincent, *p.*	'89	'97	45	89	134	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
" East,	1860	Dea. Chas. B. Cushing,	Francis A. Poole, *p. c.*	'93	'99	90	153	243	48	0	2	2	5	2	0	7	0	1
Whately,	1771	Charles H. Waite,	William N. T. Dean,	'75	'00	52	91	143	41	0	4	4	7	4	1	12	0	1
Whitman,	1807	Benjamin F. Peterson,	Edward C. Camp, *p. c.*	'94	'99	82	182	264	39	7	13	20	4	0	0	4	5	1
Wilbraham,	1741	Dea. Francis E. Clark,	Martin S. Howard, *p. c.*	'56	'68	50	70	120	40	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	0
" North,	1886	Edwin W. Wall,				22	49	71	16	2	8	10	0	3	2	5	1	0
Williamsburg,	1771	Dea. H. W. Hill,	John Pierpont, *p. c.*	'88	'97	69	143	212	39	5	1	6	2	9	0	11	3	3
" Haydenville,	1851	Dea. Henry C. Smith,				39	99	138	20	0	1	1	2	5	0	7	0	0
Williamstown, 1st,	1765	Carleton G. Smith,	Willis H. Butler, *p. c.*	'98	'98	65	170	235	43	1	3	4	5	4	22	31	1	6
" College,	1834	Prof. O. M. Fernald,				10	9	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" South,	1836	Miss Kate L. Torrey,	Joseph A. Fisher, *p.*	'79	'99	15	39	54	14	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	1
" White Oaks,	1868	Mrs. Mary R. Hunter,	[Garrett V. Stryker, *Lic.*]		'96	30	65	95	21	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	1	3

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Webster,	Ralph T. Larchen,	250	150	170	35	150	24	32	177	50	4	50	150	637	0	3,000
Wellesley,	Charles E. Fuller,	220	116	190	114	474	147	16	140	58	18	11	182	1,046	0	4,764
" Hills,	T. Wallace Travis,	123	80	138	40	1,012	7	7	354	333	7	34	70	1,824	0	3,174
Wellfleet,	Dea. Frederic W. Snow,	80	48	70	29	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	23	30	0	375
" South,	Miss Nettie S. Paine,	30	13	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	275
Wendell,	J. A. Flemming,	44	26	45	31	5	1	1	9	1	2	0	0	19	0	858
Wenham,	Frederick F. Abbott,	154	70	140	68	54	13	0	20	0	39	28	4	158	0	1,028
Westboro,	Rev. S. I. Briant,	302	135	285	75	140	26	25	382	79	51	13	11	727	0	2,979
West Boylston,	Herber A. Holmes,	70	31	65	20	81	3	1	58	59	12	0	82	296	0	1,500
West Brookfield,	Dea. H. Weeden,	163	78	200	43	59	0	0	40	0	0	0	215	314	0	1,751
Westfield, 1st,	Charles B. Wilson,	480	308	350	43	652	119	19	587	129	34	17	4,235	5,792	0	6,438
" 2d,	Frank C. Parker,	283	150	400	169	134	12	16	206	23	7	8	435	841	0	5,099
Westford,	Houghton G. Osgood,	65	54	76	39	103	5	11	26	45	6	0	7	203	100	1,193
Westhampton,	Henry M. Clapp,	152	84	90	40	1,168	70	8	76	76	15	5	32	1,450	0	1,276
Westminster,	Theodore S. Wood,	125	68	80	55	90	0	0	30	35	65	0	40	260	0	1,400
W. Newbury, 1st,	Annie L. Rogers,	101	61	80	100	19	8	5	7	7	10	0	25	81	0	645
" 2d,	Henry Hall,	175	44	158	0	34	0	0	18	0	0	0	52	104	0	1,059
Weston,	Mrs. S. G. Pennock,	26	14	25	15	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	10	23	0	600
Westport,	Mrs. Nancy A. Parris,	80	40	90	20	31	0	0	90	18	1	0	0	140	0	1,134
W. Springfield,	Harry L. Brown,	155	99	75	45	67	60	7	58	46	35	0	10	283	0	1,660
" Mittineague,	F. O. Scott,	200	138	115	60	64	10	12	141	10	35	0	51	323	0	2,286
" Park st.,	Nelson Sherburne,	102	72	122	41	179	11	11	102	110	5	6	66	490	0	1,688
W. Stockbridge,	Mrs. Norton Patterson,	24	15	25	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	12	0	285
" Village,	William A. Bartlett,	110	53	75	68	60	3	14	18	15	16	1	3	130	0	994
West Tisbury,	Ulysses E. Mayhew,	66	39	57	43	25	5	5	59	7	5	4	40	150	0	736
Westwood,	Rev. Warren F. Bickford,	53	31	35	21	3	0	2	7	19	2	0	10	43	0	440
Weymouth, 1st,		80	45	70	25	86	5	13	26	20	19	0	53	222	0	1,893
" Old South,	Matthew R. Loud,	191	136	158	34	86	9	10	115	88	10	2	28	348	0	2,900
" and Braint'e	Ralph W. Loud,	154	96	300	61	38	0	51	58	142	19	0	115	423	0	3,400
" Un., South,	Walter L. Bates,	150	91	160	43	326	51	9	82	93	15	0	20	596	0	3,150
" Pilgrim,	Charles L. Seabury,	150	72	160	25	89	0	0	19	19	6	0	6	139	0	2,370
" East,	Charles A. Randall,	235	173	222	103	140	10	25	70	25	0	0	130	400	0	2,100
Whately,	H. S. Higgins, E. W.	100	60	100	37	52	0	0	0	25	0	0	80	157	0	900
Whitman,	I. Lewis Tillson,	m592	239	370	128	36	10	7	137	20	41	0	187	438	0	4,397
Wilbraham,	Ethelburt Bliss,	85	62	75	32	35	0	0	19	41	0	0	20	115	300	1,519
" North,	Caleb B. Estey,	67	31	47	34	49	1	1	10	5	1	0	77	144	7,631	1,301
Williamsburg,	Frank C. Richards,	142	85	100	51	186	63	40	144	83	67	0	57	640	1,000	1,500
" Haydenville,	Percy Thatcher,	137	77	100	37	31	7	8	11	15	15	0	14	101	0	1,000
Williamsto'n, 1st,	George B. Waterman,	112	82	125	26	350	38	38	344	76	10	0	212	1,068	0	3,386
" College,						476	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	476	0	0
" South,	Leroy B. Smith,	100	62	80	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	322
" White Oaks,	Rev. William R. Stocking,	m108	64	116	83	24	0	0	16	2	16	0	11	69	0	214

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.		MEMBERS.				ADMITTED			REMOVED.				BAPT.	
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	C'd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L. To.		Di.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Wilmington,	1733	Chester W. Clark,	Elijah Harmon, *p. c.*	'67	'85	30	70	100	9	1	2	3	3	1	12	16	0	3
Winchendon, 1st,	1762	Miss Lizzie E. Jones,	Gustavus W. Jones, *p. c.*	'69	'90	23	29	52	15	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	1
" North,	1843	Rev. Davis Foster,	Davis Foster, *p. c.*	'55	'67	71	170	241	0	13	3	16	7	3	0	10	4	2
Winchester,	1840	Rev. Edwin B. Palmer,	D. Augustine Newton, *p. c.*	'82	'89	178	335	513	53	15	11	26	12	14	61	87	3	12
Windsor,	1773	Howlett C. Cleveland,	George Sterling, *p.*	'74	'97	13	22	35	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Winthrop,	1896	William H. Gardner,	James J. Goodacre,	'97	'00	11	36	47	22	1	2	3	0	5	0	5	1	0
Woburn,	1642	Dea. Oliver F. Bryant,	{ Daniel March, *p. c., em.* / { Doremus Scudder, *p. c.*	'45 / '85	'76 / '95	198	395	593	85	22	6	28	11	15	2	28	18	10
" North,	1849	Dr. J. P. Bixby,	George H. Tilton, *p. c.*	'73	'96	48	88	136	22	2	2	4	0	5	0	5	2	0
" *Scandinavian*,	1884	Carl A. Gustafson,	Ludwig Akeson, *p. c.*	'95	'99	31	43	74	6	4	0	4	1	3	2	6	0	8
" Montvale,	1892	Dea. Wm. H. Huber,	Wolcott Calkins, *p.*	'62	'98	9	17	26	2	1	3	4	0	6	1	7	0	0
Worcester, 1st,	1719	Monroe Murphy,	Arcturus Z. Conrad, *p. c.*	'85	'90	340	680	1020	0	29	54	83	9	14	0	23	20	12
" Central,	1820	William H. Sanford,				135	286	421	32	6	11	17	11	9	0	20	5	5
" Union,	1836	Charles H. Sibley,	John E. Tuttle, *p. c.*	'83	'96	223	530	753	147	15	36	51	17	17	0	34	8	8
" Summer st.,	1865	Robert A. Stewart,	Orange C. Bailey, *p.*	'85	'95	39	54	93	0	8	5	13	2	6	22	30	4	3
" Plymouth,	1869	Frank E. Stimpson,				272	480	752	0	14	15	29	17	17	0	34	9	12
" Piedmont,	1872	Dr. H. L. Wheeler,	Willard Scott, *p. c.*	'79	'98	259	474	733	112	47	48	95	8	23	17	48	28	11
" *Swedish*, 1st,	1880	Victor Sohlberg,	August L. Anderson, *p.*	'86	'94	152	199	351	11	15	6	21	0	8	14	22	0	15
" Pilgrim,	1885	O. R. Cook,	Alexander Lewis, *p. c.*	'90	'96	207	449	656	22	42	34	76	3	16	8	27	22	8
" Park,	1887	Charles M. Smith,	Inman L. Willcox, *p. c.*	'89	'91	64	168	232	56	5	5	10	3	3	0	6	5	0
" Covenant,	1889	Miss E. Dewey,	John E. Hurlbut, *p.*	'75	'90	28	62	90	19	7	2	9	0	4	4	8	5	1
" Hope,	1889	Robert Hamill,	Ellsworth W. Phillips, *p. c.*	'91	'91	71	137	208	15	18	5	23	2	2	0	4	5	5
" Lake View,	1890	Miss C. Ethel Reed,	John H. Matthews, *p.*	'91	'97	22	43	65	17	2	3	5	2	4	0	6	2	0
" Bethany,	1891	Louis A. Spaulding,	Albert G. Todd, *p.*	'90	'93	30	74	104	30	1	6	7	2	0	0	2	1	4
" *Armenian*,	1892	Bagdasar Bogigian,	[Hachadoor G. Benneyan, *Lic.*]		'96	22	11	33	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
" Immanuel,	1893	Dea. Chas. H. Putnam,	George S. Dodge, *p. c.*	'72	'94	49	69	118	28	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	0	4
" *Swedish*, 2d,	1895	Peter J. Johnson,	John Udd, *p.*	'96	'96	77	100	177	0	16	4	20	1	3	1	5	0	10
" Adams Sq.,	1898	Charles S. Robbins,	John E. Dodge, *p.*	'83	'97	48	77	125	0	1	31	32	1	0	0	1	1	3
Worthington,	1771	Miss Estelle Cole,	Melvin J. Allen, *p.*	'82	'99	39	98	137	32	2	4	6	5	2	5	12	2	0
Wrentham,	1692	Nathan H. Fales,	William J. Minchin, *p.*	'96	'99	43	119	162	22	5	3	8	3	7	0	10	4	5
Yarmouth,	1639	A. H. Eldridge, 2d, Y.P.	John J. Walker, *p. c.*	'94	'97	25	107	132	30	2	4	6	2	0	0	2	1	1
" West,	1840	Miss Abbie B. Crowell,	Edgar C. Wheeler, *p.*	'96	'99	7	8	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Wollaston, *see* Quincy.

Woods Holl, *see* Falmouth.

CHANGES from last *Year-Book's* list of churches: *Added*, — Arlington Heights; Belmont, Plymouth. *Omitted*, — Lakeville, Union Grove; Warren, West; Worcester, Belmont.

CHURCHES: 275 with pastors installed by council; 258 with pastors otherwise inducted; 9 with supplies; 58 vacant (including 22 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations). Total, 600.

MINISTERS: 282 pastors installed by council; 256 pastors otherwise inducted; 9 supplies; 280 others. Total, 827.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 35,438 males; 77,528 females. Total, 112,966, including 18,262 absent. Loss, 578.

ADDITIONS: 2,703 by confession; 2,719 by letter. Total, 5,422.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Y.P.S.	BENEVOLENCE.									Legacies.	Home Exp.
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Fam.	Members.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. B'd'g.	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid.	Other.	TOTAL.		
Wilmington,	William A. Rogers,	175	90	100	28	8	15	6	24	14	4	4	24	99	0	1,300
Winchendon, 1st,	James E. Teel,	50	38	50	25	52	0	0	35	18	0	0	12	117	0	570
" North,	Franklin A. Park,	301	176	190	66	407	10	38	237	105	80	0	326	1,203	0	2,737
Winchester,	William R. Freethy,	450	200	355	87	1,544	83	166	1,228	447	149	394	1,797	5,808	0	7,758
Windsor,	Curtis B. Goodell,	60	41	80	49	12	0	6	14	9	2	0	2	45	0	230
Winthrop,	M. C. Barnard,	90	60		10	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	10	17	0	700
Woburn,	John R. Carter,	728	369	612	138	1,142	154	142	511	165	146	12	442	2,714	1,374	7,547
" North,	Dea. Benjamin F. Kimball,	264	117	120	100	51	9	10	15	19	15	4	29	152	0	1,685
" *Scand.*,	Rev. Ludwig Akeson,	111	64	35	31	9	0	49	9	5	5	0	148	225	0	1,052
" Montvale,	Dea. William H. Huber,	70	39	59	57	1	1	1	47	1	1	1	17	70	0	436
Worcester, 1st,	Waldo Lewis,	800	496	895	250	451	80	42	1,078	248	30	73	728	2,730	1,000	13,733
" Central,	Clinton Alvord,	438	250	400	75	453	559	455	1,316	467	79	11	147	3,487	0	9,175
" Union,	Albert B. Kimball,	608	320	525	90	986	3,748	132	2,286	980	81	76	3,000	11,289	141,530	15,360
" Summer st.,	A. L. Whipple,	129	93	74	31	0	0	0	0	15	5	0	15	35	0	1,925
" Plymouth,	Paul B. Morgan,	547	320	400	70	1,286	115	221	1,123	430	50	0	1,111	4,338	0	11,000
" Piedmont,	Elmer C. Potter,	730	341	630	94	1,483	1,955	3,194	2,115	178	483	19	6,970	16,397	0	14,908
" *Swed.*, 1st,	Eric Ljungquist,	466	350			0	0	5	30	0	0	0	361	396	0	3,750
" Pilgrim,	B. F. Joslyn,	733	440	600	97	255	290	25	873	46	21	30	382	1,922	0	25,000
" Park,	Charles M. Smith,	275	136	250	80	52	6	2	83	12	4	0	27	186	0	8,100
" Covenant,	Jerome M. Stone,	200	79	0	20	4	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	44	0	1,100
" Hope,	Frank A. Thompson,	316	210	225	120	174	46	73	104	10	10	25	162	604	50	2,430
" LakeView,	Rev. John H. Matthews,	157	85	100	95	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	6	30	0	1,350
" Bethany,	Mrs. Albert G. Todd,	158	76	80	50	0	0	0	7	68	0	0	7	82	0	1,581
" *Armenian*,	Stephen P. Proodian,		30	40	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70	0	700
" Immanuel,	Edwin Batty,	189	119	165	65	98	10	7	90	30	0	0	27	262	0	1,200
" *Swed.*, 2d,	Carl A. Norgren, Sta. C.,	273	225		35	50	0	0	20	0	7	0	3	80	0	4,196
" Adams Sq.,	Eugene Van De Mark,	m235	136	135	39	9	15	0	13	0	0	0	7	44	0	3,716
Worthington,	Milo Bates, Ringville,	143	53	90	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	800
Wrentham,	Nathan H. Fales,	157	81	125	86	87	0	16	132	10	12	9	258	524	0	1,903
Yarmouth,	A. H. Eldridge, 2d, Y. Port.,	70	46	140	35	46	10	10	88	70	16	10	14	264	0	1,282
" West,	Dea. Isaiah Crowell,	28	20	25	0	10	0	3	6	2	0	0	9	30	0	635

REMOVALS: 1,967 by death; 2,425 by dismissal; 1,241 by discipline. Total, 5,633.

BAPTISMS: 1,225 adult; 1,774 infant.

IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Members, 115,211. Loss, 5,370. Average, 67,615.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number, 522; 34,875 members.

FAMILIES: 561 churches reporting (552 last year), 89,150. Gain, 2,053.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 579 churches reporting (580 last year): Foreign, $141 968; Education, $51,294; Church Building, $18,725; Home, $162,162; A. M. A., $44,946; Sunday School, $13,551; Ministerial Aid, $6,351; Other, $221,042. Total, $660,039. Increase, $101,914.

BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $224,486.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 575 churches reporting (575 last year), $1,654,966. Increase, $73,196.

ORGANIZATION: Twenty-five Conferences, united in THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUMMARIES.

THE CONFERENCES.		CHURCHES.					MEMBERS.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				BAPTISMS.	
Name.	Year of Organization.	Churches.	With P. C.'s	With P.'s	With other Supplies.	Unsupplied.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Confession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Letter.	Discipline.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.
Andover,	1859	29	22	5(+1)	0	2	2,119	4,816	6,935	1,612	155	149	304	120	133	46	299	61	141
Barnstable,	1828	23	3	15	0	5	381	1,159	1,540	272	20	31	51	33	18	8	59	19	16
Berkshire, N.,	1867	18	8	7	0	3	1,155	2,279	3,434	423	87	55	142	58	50	39	147	38	56
" S.,	1860	19	4	10(−2)	0	5	652	1,421	2,073	413	36	32	68	56	34	74	164	16	41
Brookfield,	1821	21	11	9	0	1	946	2,113	3,059	639	52	75	127	65	67	7	139	26	58
Essex, N.,	1828	27	20(+1)	4	0	3	1,526	3,706	5,232	697	103	61	164	86	54	8	148	62	46
" S.,	1827	37	20	12	1	4	1,648	4,535	6,183	891	83	107	190	107	113	13	233	47	85
Franklin,	1843	29	2	23	1	3	1,241	2,370	3,611	566	96	85	181	72	119	18	209	52	35
Hampden,	1850	47	31	13(−1)	0	3	3,147	6,514	9,661	1,635	223	283	506	155	199	108	462	85	142
Hampshire,	1865	17	7	10	0	0	1,080	2,515	3,595	534	88	52	140	69	65	30	164	53	48
" E.,	1860	16	4	10	0	2	997	1,725	2,722	651	47	34	81	61	67	16	144	29	25
Mendon,	1858	12	4	7	0	1	596	1,545	2,141	401	47	44	91	58	40	16	114	27	45
Middlesex, S.,	1828	21	12	8	1	0	1,176	2,625	3,801	791	60	105	165	58	82	20	160	33	52
" Union,	1853	23	9	12	1	1	1,208	2,334	3,642	713	85	66	151	77	92	14	183	45	41
Norfolk,	1827	37	16(+1)	19	0	2	1,929	4,226	6,155	851	199	143	342	94	96	70	260	90	99
Old Colony,	1856	16	4	10	0	2	601	1,469	2,070	331	22	44	66	36	38	12	86	11	28
Pilgrim,	1830	14	1	8	0	5	271	765	1,036	138	24	18	42	25	30	1	56	5	10
Suffolk, N.,	1861	29	19	7	1	2	2,646	5,765	8,411	1,256	268	283	551	122	221	21	364	79	179
" S.,	1860	28	16(+1)	10	0	2	2,414	5,342	7,756	1,488	216	242	458	110	223	40	373	69	169
" W.,	1873	26	17(+3)	6	1	2	2,878	5,756	8,634	711	199	232	431	112	226	378	716	65	105
Taunton,	1849	24	9	12	1	2	977	2,316	3,293	494	65	56	121	62	50	23	135	27	53
Woburn,	1848	23	14(+1)	8	0	1	1,897	3,944	5,841	986	132	135	267	101	144	187	432	67	106
Worcester,	1852	31	9	17	0	5	2,694	5,265	7,959	966	301	290	591	140	170	76	386	154	140
" N.,	1827	16	6	9	0	1	609	1,299	1,908	308	59	53	112	43	31	0	74	42	9
" S.,	1828	16	7	7	1	1	635	1,608	2,243	485	35	42	77	47	63	16	126	22	45
Associated with R. I.,		1	0	0	1	0	15	16	31	10	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total,		600	275(+7)	258(−2)	9	58	35,438	77,528	112,766	18,262	2,703	2,719	5,422	1,967	2,425	1,241	5,633	1,225	1,774

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Name.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Church Building.	Home Missions.	Am. Mis. Association.	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Aid.	Other.	Total.	Legacies.	Home Expenditures.
Andover,	$4,145	$6,161	$709	$12,219	$1,879	$660	$59	$10,617	$36,449	$1,000	$94,711
Barnstable,	390	47	64	610	205	104	25	290	1,735	35	20,427
Berkshire, N.,	5,071	1,562	435	4,452	1,069	266	332	4,617	17,804	1,000	44,613
" S.,	2,009	122	196	1,831	587	236	45	2,058	7,084	0	22,174
Brookfield,	4,265	2,946	379	3,641	1,471	410	130	2,592	15,834	3,936	36,173
Essex, N.,	2,472	435	232	3,596	975	325	128	2,867	11,030	2,100	54,158
" S.,	5,097	2,242	607	5,087	1,708	554	294	8,960	24,549	5,000	80,006
Franklin,	1,992	277	739	1,939	734	346	39	861	6,927	11,668	38.140
Hampden,	8,292	6,791	708	15,299	5,508	1,282	639	52,139	90,658	14,337	132,914
Hampshire,	4,499	484	411	2,648	1,628	322	63	1,329	11,384	12,500	40,166
" E.,	2,969	440	182	1,526	798	166	77	651	6,809	0	18,923
Mendon,	994	159	170	1 026	638	219	41	1,747	4,994	3,454	24,771
Middlesex, S.,	3,787	683	292	3,389	1,284	317	125	4,158	14,035	3,182	51,078
" Union,	2,353	2,315	296	2,954	960	340	64	1,911	11,193	2,550	43,020
Norfolk,	3,810	1,021	634	4,550	1,476	699	150	7,813	20,153	1,085	111,983
Old Colony,	1,695	70	134	1,943	421	140	158	2,445	7,006	427	31,480
Pilgrim,	607	46	53	428	356	90	18	301	1,899	550	16,295
Suffolk, N.,	10,423	782	394	10,433	2,340	461	128	43,070	68,031	200	126,255
" S.,	12,149	3,616	1,024	15,256	3,981	1,017	237	5,462	42,742	800	113,639
" W.,	40,851	5,632	3,590	39,716	7,369	2,330	1,709	34,233	135,430	200	171,735
Taunton,	3,830	5,299	1,357	9,229	1,354	443	24	9,153	30,689	5,495	51,718
Woburn,	5,803	893	898	5,075	1,779	696	667	5,743	21,554	11,387	86,260
Worcester,	6,856	7,049	4,298	10,476	3,063	959	281	14,059	47,041	142,580	188,468
" N.,	1,197	158	69	1,088	446	230	0	2,515	5,703	1,000	21,829
" S.,	6,412	2,064	852	3,751	2,917	949	918	1,441	19,304	0	33,765
Associated with R. I.,	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	265
Total,	$141,968	$51,294	$18,725	$162,162	$44,946	$13,551	$6,351	$221,042	$660,039	$224,486	$1,654,966

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Name.	Members.	Av. Attendance.	Families.	Y. P. S. C. E.	
				No.	Mem's.
Andover	6,702	3,969	5,257	26	2,146
Barnstable	1,526	891	1,508	17	638
Berkshire, N.	3,338	2,122	2,595	15	1,065
" S.	1,689	1,040	1,476	16	740
Brookfield	3,183	1,750	2,504	18	1,033
Essex, N.	5,230	2,616	5,032	22	1,574
" S.	8,341	4,754	5,283	35	2,642
Franklin	3,564	2,201	2,808	27	1,035
Hampden	9,397	5,443	7,382	40	2,530
Hampshire	2,699	1,602	2,392	17	875
" E.	1,815	1,129	1,486	13	698
Mendon	2,095	1,166	1,804	10	676
Middlesex, S.	3,313	1,966	3,713	19	1,118
" Union	3,580	1,842	2,469	22	1,458
Norfolk	8,758	4,759	6,198	3	2,579
Old Colony	2,287	1,333	2,100	14	668
Pilgrim	1,301	733	1,382	13	491
Suffolk, N.	10,132	5,588	6,634	27	2,595
" S	10,090	5,623	6,102	25	2,596
" W.	1,728	3,666	3,725	19	1,613
Taunton	3,992	2,320	2,643	21	1,231
Woburn	7,453	3,704	4,990	23	2,370
Worcester	8,371	4,806	5,982	29	1,919
" N.	2,072	1,108	1,583	15	670
" S	2,467	1,451	2,074	15	884
Associated with Rhode Island	88	33	30	1	31
Total	115,211	67,615	89,152	522	35,875

SUMMARIES OF CHANGES DURING THE YEARS MENTIONED.

YEARS.	Churches.				Ministers.								Sabbath Schools.		Benevolent Contributions.	
	Number		Members.		The Pastorate					Deaths.						
	New.	Dropped.	Gain.	Loss.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Died.	Ordained without Installation.	Pastors by C.	Pastors.	Others.	Gain.	Loss.	Increase.	Decrease.
1900	2	3	—	578	8	24	20	2	10	2	1	18	—	5,370	$101,914	—
1899	3	0	533	—	7	24	15	4	12	4	1	9	—	3,666	—	$51,348
1898	7	2	1,738	—	6	21	12	2	15	2	2	11	2,690	—	—	49,078
1897	6	2	1,044	—	11	24	23	0	12	0	2	27	3,410	—	—	37,710
1896	1	1	705	—	10	25	22	1	16	1	3	18	52	—	65,015	—
1895	5	3	1,950	—	8	21	17	1	26	1	3	22	422	—	—	44,638
1894	8	0	1,581	—	15	35	30	2	15	2	1	15	1,429	—	—	176,171
1893	8	2	629	—	9	22	20	0	12	0	1	7	—	995	194,507	—
1892	9	1	1,655	—	21	24	24	2	8	2	1	11	—	1,404	—	17,737
1891	6	2	1,999	—	11	24	17	2	9	2	0	10	1,914	—	17,206	—
1890	5	1	1,190	—	17	29	24	2	5	2	3	13	1,849	—	16,902	—
1889	17	0	2,461	—	4	32	20	2	12	2	4	11	934	—	20,449	—
1888	6	2	1,295	—	10	24	25	2	2	2	2	16	2,410	—	—	28,871 35
1887	1	2	1,425	—	12	22	39	3	4	3	0	7	1,048	—	110,514 49	—
1886	4	2	1,262	—	11	18	22	0	1	0	1	7	588	—	—	4,394 72
1885	3	1	3,375	—	8	33	31	2	3	2	0	11	3,355	—	100,919 45	—
1884	3	2	—	1,945	9	28	26	3	3	3	1	12	1,816	—	23,341 82	—
1883	0	1	957	—	15	26	27	5	3	5	1	13	2,941	—	137,601 71	—
1882	4	0	1,276	—	6	14	11	6	3	1	0	5	—	10,999	—	41,877 74
1881	2	1	—	1,477	15	31	26	3	4	3	3	14	5,232	—	45,231 77	—
1880	2	4	—	348	12	28	32	7	3	7	0	12	655	—	22,000 27	—
1879	1	2	319	—	15	28	36	2	9	2	1	18	—	349	15,170 77	—
1878	4	1	3,995	—	13	35	43	2	6	2	0	10	3,723	—	—	75,297 55
1877	7	2	2,519	—	7	25	48	5	7	5	2	8	754	—	—	16,274 77
1876	4	0	787	—	9	29	47	4	14	4	1	10	—	1,119	—	15,929 92
1875	11	2	1,688	—	11	19	37	2	4	2	*	8	4,514	—	22,705 17	—
1874	3	2	1,015	—	10	33	34	11	6	11		11	2,150	—	—	42,248 88
1873	6	2	11	—	21	33	36	6	4	6		13	—	687	—	2,119 87
1872	2	0	870	—	10	43	39	7	3	7		13	332	—	98,649 52	—
1871	2	3	517	—	9	43	53	3	5	3		5	—	2,293	2,010 21	—
1870	6	4	9	—	16	25	46	9	5	9		14	—	700	37,726 32	—
1869	7	3	531	—	17	42	50	2	3	2		15	404	—	Unk'n	
1868	3	3	1,692	—	17	37	46	1	8	1		5	2,620	—	"	
1867	5	2	2,879	—	12	33	59	2	10	2		15	3,713	—	"	
1866	9	5	—	263	10	27	32	5		5		13	920	—	"	
1865	8	8	1,099	—						1		6	—	775	"	
1860	6	3	—	413						9		6	—	161		
1855	5	1	532	—						6		6	940	—		
1851	2	2	2,467	—									2,249	—		

NOTE. — The "year" means what changes were comprised in the twelve months preceding January 1 of the year mentioned. The table was begun in 1866, all preceding years now given being compiled from past Minutes, — the number of churches in some years varying from the Minutes as they *were* to what they *should* have been.

The changes in list of churches, ordinations, installations, etc., for the past year, condensed in the above table, are given in detail in their proper place.

* Prior to 1876 "acting pastors" are included in "others" in columns of deaths of ministers.

CONTINUED TABLE OF SUMMARIES.

Year.	Churches.				Ministers.				Church Members, Jan. 1.			Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		In Sab. Schs.		Benevolent Contributions.
	With P. C.	With P.	With S.	Vacant.	Total.	P. C.	P.	S.	Others.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab'nt.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death	Dism.	Disc.	Total.	Adult	Infant	Mem.	Av. Att.	
1900	275	258	9	58	600	282	256	9	280	827	35,438	77,528	112,966	18,262	2,703	2,719	5,422	1,967	2,425	1,241	5,632	1,225	1,774	115,211	67,615	$660,039
1899	273	243	8	77	601	281	230	7	300	818	35,878	77,666	113,544	18,255	2,847	2,656	5,503	1,740	2,383	840	4,963	1,345	1,799	120,581	70,472	558,125
1898	282	252	8	56	598	291	235	6	256	788	35,828	77,133	112,961	17,985	3,012	3,180	7,092	1,828	2,462	748	5,038	1,860	1,990	124,247	72,968	609,473
1897	274	241	10	68	593	280	226	10	271	787	35,331	75,892	111,223	17,453	3,382	3,050	6,432	1,848	2,590	915	5,353	1,633	1,616	121,557	70,571	658,551
1896	281	224	15	60	589	287	214	15	270	786	35,038	75,141	110,179	17,216	3,786	2,964	6,750	1,849	2,650	936	5,433	1,326	1,661	118,379	69,581	696,261
1895	273	215	22	79	589	280	210	21	267	778	34,461	75,013	109,474	17,014	4,106	3,282	7,388	1,843	2,653	952	5,448	1,964	1,802	118,327	70,262	631,246
1894	267	203	27	90	587	271	194	22	293	780	34,032	73,492	107,524	16,957	3,733	3,260	6,993	1,935	2,730	721	5,386	1,849	1,804	117,905	70,790	675,884
1893	267	198	16	98	579	276	184	16	342	818	33,598	72,345	105,943	17,125	3,324	3,005	6,329	2,074	2,506	850	5,430	1,654	1,452	116,476	69,323	852,055
1892	265	195	11	102	573	275	199	11	315	800	33,433	71,881	105,314	15,865	3,617	3,170	6,787	1,916	2,721	475	5,112	1,840	1,543	117,471	68,640	657,548
1891	272	176	16	101	565	283	181	15	286	767	32,596	71,063	103,659	17,206	3,530	3,043	6,573	1,757	2,604	479	4,840	1,883	1,674	118,875	72,041	675,285
1890	268	190	23	80	561	278	178	22	276	754	32,133	69,527	101,660	17,595	3,836	3,159	6,995	1,754	2,744	913	5,411	1,930	1,377	116,961	68,574	658,979
1889	264	177	45	93	557	264	177	45	220	706	31,592	68,878	100,470	15,838	3,718	2,760	6,478	1,780	2,513	337	4,630	1,838	1,258	115,112	66,899	641,177
1888	261	204		75	540	277	165		236	678	29,465	64,712	97,707	15,541	3,882	2,839	6,721	1,788	2,313	185	4,286	2,013	1,229	114,178		678,950
1887	258	178		90	535	282	157		259	698	29,029	63,967	96,412	15,836	3,733	2,688	6,421	1,537	2,114	189	3,856	1,905	961	111,768		707,821
1886	277	189		70	536	289	165		211	665	28,577	62,697	94,987	15,931	3,752	2,687	6,440	1,688	2,170	150	4,011	1,843	1,025	110,720		597,307
1885	283	166		85	534	297	178		186	661	28,857	63,423	93,725	15,239	3,013	2,503	5,519	1,603	1,979	168	3,752	1,414	1,008	110,182		601,702
1884	283	169		80	532	300	155		186	641	27,777	62,573	90,350	13,877	2,800	2,071	4,871	1,587	1,979	141	3,707	1,451	800	106,827		500,782
1883	278	160		93	531	265	153		202	620	30,957	61,338	92,295	14,872	2,371	2,180	4,551	1,585	1,861	148	3,594	1,051	837	105,011		477,440
1882	274	178		80	532	278	143		215	636	28,073	61,135	91,238	14,392	2,153	2 001	4,168	1,682	1,724	137	3,539	1,103	966	94,977		349,839
1881	269	164		95	528	264	119		228	611	28,494	61,468	89,962	14,399	1,631	1,940	3,571	1,410	1,592	145	3,147	874	842	105,976		391,716
1880	280	171		75	526	284	164		185	633	29,045	62,394	91,439	14,584	1,761	1,835	3,596	1,454	1,745	151	3,350	922	968	100,744		346,485
1879	282	180		66	528	286	174		195	655	29,212	62,575	91,787	14,764	2,421	1,869	4,290	1,401	1,669	116	3,186	1,235	954	10,039		324,484
1878	277	174		78	529	280	169		194	643	28,995	62,473	91,468	14,100	5,698	2,577	8,275	1,418	2,066	159	3,643	3,103	1,353	100,314	62,290	309,314
1877	269	174		83	526	275	171		196	642	27,479	59,994	87,473	12,833	4,407	2,085	6,492	1,517	1,807	178	3,502	2,980	1,078	96,715		384,611
1876	289	163		69	521	292	162		187	641	26,580	58,374	84,954	13,177	3,163	2,244	5,347	1,531	2,163	89	3,783	1,616	1,153	95,961	61,391	400,886
1875	301	136		80	517	305	134		167	606	26,346	57,821	84,167	12,777	3,869	2,739	6,608	1,391	2,295	94	3,780	2,137	1,111	97,160	62,295	416,816
1874	307	116		85	508	314	116		166	596	25,810	56,669	82,479	12,506	2,329	2,279	4,608	1,380	1,902	67	3,349	1,112	1,012	92,646	60,036	394,111
1873	307	127		73	507	316	127		173	616	25,481	55,983	81,464	13,305	2,713	2,438	5,151	1,483	2,159	60	3,702	1,287	915	90,496	58,405	436,359
1872	299	123		81	503	304	123		164	591	25,426	56,027	81,453	13,874	2,569	2,151	4,720	1,350	2,177	79	3,606	1,236	882	91,183	61,571	438,479
1871	292	134		75	501	297	134		166	597	25,152	55,431	80,583	12,517	2,164	2,009	4,173	1,348	2,049	73	3,470	1,126	1,005	90,851	61,443	439,830
1870	294	119		89	502	298	117		176	591	24,915	55,151	80,066	11,983	2,381	2,476	4,857	1,359	2,308	82	3,749	1,218	1,103	93,144	62,217	337,820
1869	311	116		73	500	314	115		172	601	25,050	55,007	80,057	11,970	2,975	2,492	5,467	1,267	2,337	79	3,683	1,610	1,036	93,844	61,149	300,093
1868	301	113		82	496	307	112		156	575	24,734	54,792	79,526	11,509	3,513	2,163	5,676	1,170	2,122	58	3,350	1,928	1,072	93,440	62,782	298,533
1867	295	114		87	496	300	113		154	567	24,082	53,752	77,834	11,695	4,644	2,316	6,960	1,220	2,051	114	4,385	2,314	1,168	90,820	61,407	315,322
1866	310	109		74	493	316	107		166	589	25,177	51,178	74,955	11,147	2,153	1,696	3,749	1,307	1,703	98	3,108	1,010	987	87,107	60,036	392,244
1865	313	100		76	489	318	101		147	566	23,488	51,730	75,218	11,706	3,030	1,790	4,820	1,454	1,675	124	3,253	1,467	1,023	86,187	58,284	
1860	325	81		82	488	333	78		176	587	24,217	51,302	76,371	10,114	1,741	1,734	3,475	1,154	1,768	188	3,110	780	1,293	80,124		
1855	351	54		62	467	366	55		135	556	20,999	45,218	69,509	8,756	1,713	1,618	3,331	1,119	1,674	97	2,890	737	1,254	66,147		
1850	347	58		56	461	356	56						64,830		1,185	1,510	2,695	1,054	1,456	108	2,618	429	1,239	64,178		
1845					440								65,467											62,108		
1840					408								62,513											62,305		
1835					387								49,089											44,040		
1830					347								37,987											34,787		

In the above table, the columns of "Additions," "Removals," "Baptisms," "Sabbath School Average," and "Benevolent Contributions" cover the twelve months next preceding January 1 of the year mentioned in a given line. The number of *churches, members,* and of *Sabbath schools* was enumerated January 1 of the year mentioned. The number of churches "Vacant" includes all churches supplied by licentiates, or ministers of other denominations.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF MINISTERS.

1. ANDOVER, Organized July 5, 1763.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
S. Winchester Adriance,	'79, May 22.	'84, Dec. 2.	Winchester.	W. C.
George A. Andrews,	'99, June 14.	'99, Dec. 5.	Andover,	P. C.
Ernest L. Baker,	'94, Sept. 18.	'95, Feb. 26.	*Center Harbor, N.H.*	P.
Cecil F. P. Bancroft,	'67, May 1.	'90, Sept 23.	Andover.	Prof.
Henry E. Barnes,	'62, May 28.	'94, Feb. 27.	N. Andover.	P. C.
Ernest C. Bartlett,	'96, Mar. 12.	'96, Dec. 8.	Chelmsford.	P. C.
William A. Bartlett,	'86, Jan. 4.	'96, Feb. 23.	Lowell.	P. C.
James M. Blue,	'96, July 14.	'96, Sept. 29.	*Epsom, N. H.*	P.
Francis H. Boynton,	'64, Oct. 20.	'89, May 28.	Florence.	P.
Park A. Bradford,	'79, July 30.	'94, Sept. 25.	Lowell.	W. C.
Charles C. Carpenter,	'60, May 9.	'91, May.	Andover.	W. C.
Clark Carter,	'68, Feb. 13.	'73, June 3.	Andover.	C. M.
Thomas G. A. Coté,	'71, April 9.	'82, April 11.	Lowell.	W. C.
George R. Dickinson,	'95, Oct. 9.	'96, Sept. 29.	*Zanesville, O.*	W. C.
Sarah A. Dixon,	'97, June 16.	'97, Dec. 7.	Tyngsboro.	P. C.
Robert W. Dunbar,	'99, Feb. 8.	'99, Feb. 28.	N. Chelmsford.	P. C.
Hohannes B.Garabedian,	'88, Sept. 18.	'99, Dec. 5.	Lawrence.	M.
John M. Greene,	'57, Oct. 20.	'71, June 28.	Lowell.	P. C.
Daniel W. Hardy,	'74, Oct. 20.	'95, Dec. 3.	Billerica.	P.
David P. Hatch,	'86, July 1.	'00, Feb. 27.	Lawrence,	P. C.
Edward Y. Hincks,	'70, Oct. 18.	'85, Dec. 15.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles W. Huntington,	'81, Sept. 6.	'88, June 5.	Lowell.	P. C.
Francis H. Johnson,	'61, Oct. 15.	'83, June 5.	Andover.	W. C.
George H. Johnson,	'77, July 6.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
George F. Kenngott,	'90, Oct. 8.	'92, Dec. 6.	Lowell.	P.
David Kilburn,	'84, April 20.	'90, Sept. 23.	*Londonderry, N.H.*	W. C.
Willis D. Leland,	'80, Jan. 23.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	W. C.
Herbert G. Mank,	'89, Jan. 15.	'98, Dec. 6.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Charles L. Merriam,	'82, Sept. 13.	'92, June.	Lowell.	P. C.
Selah Merrill,	'64, Nov. 1.	'74, Oct. 20.	*Jerusalem.*	W. C.
Charles L. Mitchell,	'71, June 28.	'84, June 19.	Winchester.	W. C.
George F. Moore,	'78, Feb. 2.	'95, May 28.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Lewis W. Morey,	'82, Sept. 6.	'93, Sept. 26.	Lowell.	W. C.
Andrew P. Nelson,	'94, Mar. 1.	'98, Feb. 22.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles H. Oliphant,	'76, July 12.	'84, Oct. 28.	Methuen.	P. C.
Frederick H. Page,	'93, Nov. 23.	'96, May 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Edward W. Pride,	'69, June 10.	'92, June.	Andover.	W. C.
John P. Richardson,	'80, May 4.	'99, Dec. 5.	Dracut.	P. C.
William H. Ryder,	'69, Dec. 14.	'88, Dec. 4.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.

1. Andover (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Hovhannes K. Santikian,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Dec. 7.	Lowell.	M.
Frank R. Shipman,	'93, Dec. 27.	'94, June 5.	Andover.	P. C.
John Phelps Taylor,	'68, Nov. 12.	'85, Nov. 3.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Charles C. Torrey,	'99, May 15.	'99, May 29.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
Frank A. Warfield,	'71, June 10,	'99, Feb. 28.	Lowell.	P. C.
Charles H. Willcox,	'84, Nov. 6.	'84, Dec. 2.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
Frederick A. Wilson,	'82, Oct. 6.	'90, April 8.	Andover.	P. C.
William E. Wolcott,	'81, Sept. 21.	'82, Feb. 26.	Lawrence.	P. C.
Frank E. Woodruff,	'83, Sept. 6.	'85, Nov. 3.	*Brunswick, Me.*	Prof.

Licentiates. — 1898: Howard Gilpatric, Arthur E. Hartwell, John E. Le Bosquet, Emile J. Palisoul. 1899: David E. Burnham, Charles F. Fisher, Andrew C. Furbush, Fred W. Flood, Frederic Parker, William W. Rockwell, Henry B. Dyer, Laird W. Snell, Alfred E. Stearns, Albert P. Watson, May 29.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesday in December, and fourth Tuesdays in February, May, and September.

Rev. Robert W. Dunbar, N. Chelmsford, scribe.

2. Berkshire North (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

George W. Andrews,	'82, June 7.	'84, Dec. 1.	Dalton.	P.
John Bascom,	'59, Dec. 18.	'61, Jan. 28.	Williamstown.	W. C.
George A. Beckwith,	'62, May 26.	'90, Oct. 17.	*Saratoga Spgs, N. Y.*	W. C.
Henry M. Bowden,	'86, June 30.	'99, June 13.	Middlefield.	P.
Raymond Calkins,	'97, Oct. 19.	'98, Mar. 8.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
Edson L. Clark,	'59, Nov. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Dalton.	W. C.
William V. W. Davis,	'77, Sept. 12.	'93, Dec. 19.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
John H. Denison,	'70, Jan. 30.	'85, Sept. 16.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Charles O. Eames,	'97, Dec. 14.	'99, Jan. 30.	Becket.	P.
Nathaniel H. Egleston,	'45, Feb. 19.	'77, Dec. 3.	Boston.	W. C.
Miles B. Fisher,	'97, Oct. 4.	'99, Jan. 30.	Adams.	P. A.
Edward H. Griffin,	'68, Feb. 6.	'73, Dec. 1.	*Baltimore, Md.*	Dean Coll.
Samuel Harrison,	'50, Aug. 13.	'52, Nov. 8.	Pittsfield.	P.
James H. Laird,	'64, Dec. 21.	'85, Sept. 16.	Hinsdale.	P. C.
T. Claire Luce,	'85, Dec. 2.	'90, Dec. 2.	Richmond.	P.
Alford B. Penniman,	'83, Apr. 10.	'94, June 12.	Adams.	P. C.
James C. Seagrave,	'51, Dec. 1.	'87, Dec. 6.	Hinsdale.	W. C.
Isaac C. Smart,	'85, June 9.	'85, Sept. 16.	Pittsfield.	P. C.
George Sterling,	'74, Dec. 8.	'99, Jan. 30.	Windsor.	P.
William L. Tenney,	'88, Sept. 20.	'95, Dec. 20.	North Adams.	P. C.

Licentiate. — Garrett V. Stryker, Williamstown.

Stated Meetings. — In March, June, September, and December.

Rev. Henry M. Bowden, Middlefield, scribe and treasurer.

3. Berkshire South (Berkshire, 1763), Organized by division, October 14, 1852.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Arthur J. Benedict,	'75, May 25.	'93, Jan. 31.	Housatonic.	P.
Leon D. Bliss.	'89, Oct. 31.	'96, Oct. 27.	Great Barrington.	P. C.
Albert J. Chittenden,	'62, Sept. 28.	'94, April 24.	Mill River.	W. C.
Walter W. Curtis,	'72, Mar. 20.	'83, Oct. 29.	West Stockbridge.	P.
John Dooley,	'72, May 6.	'98, April 26,	Monterey.	P.
Edwin C. Gillette,	'98, Oct. 7.	'98, Nov. 1.	Southfield.	P.
Samuel Hopley,	'55, Sept. 19.	'90, Jan. 28.	Lee.	W. C.
Alonzo T. Lamb,	'93, July 26.	'95, Oct. 29.	Plainfield.	P.
John B. Lewis,	'95, Sept. 25.	'97, Oct. 26.	Mill River.	P.
Stephen T. Livingston,	'91, July 8.	'91, Nov. 10.	Williamstown.	W. C.
Frederick H. Lynch,	'99, Mar. 27.	'99, Jan. 31.	Lenox.	P. C.
R. DeWitt Mallary,	'76, Oct. 12.	'80, July 12.	Lenox.	W. C.
Evarts W. Pond,	'95, May 2.	'97, Oct. 26.	Sheffield.	P.
Charles S. Rich,	'96, Sept. 29.	'96, Oct. 27.	Stockbridge.	P. C.
Lyman S. Rowland,	'64, Nov. 16.	'77, Oct. 29.	Lee.	P. C.
George T. Washburn,	'59, Mar. 22.	'59, July 25.	Lenox.	W. C.

Licentiate. — Edward J. Rulifson.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Leon D. Bliss, Great Barrington, scribe and treasurer.

4. Brookfield.

The Brookfield Association has ceased to report its members, having transferred that function to the Brookfield Conference, which names the following, ministerial members: —

Austin B. Bassett,	'87, Sept. 15.	'00, May 8.	Ware.	P. C.
Oscar Bissell,	'56, May 14.	"	Brimfield.	W. C.
Edward B. Blanchard,	'92, June 29.	"	Brookfield.	P. C.
Allen A. Bronsdon,	'98, Dec. 2.	"	Oakham..	P. C
Benson M. Frink,	'63, Jan. 9.	"	W. Brookfield.	W. C.
Sereno D. Gammell,	'68, Sept. 9.	"	N. Brookfield.	W. C.
Joseph F. Gaylord,	'67, Nov. 7.	"	Barre.	P. C.
J. Howard Gaylord,	'99, Nov. 21.	"	W. Brookfield.	P. C.
Silvanus Hayward,	'61, Oct. 9.	"	Globe Village.	P. C.
George O. Jenness,	'61, Feb. 8.	"	Charlton.	P.
James G. Knotter,	'96, Apr. 21.	"	Ware.	P.
William B. Oleson,	'77, Dec. 4.	"	Warren.	P. C.
Harlan Page,	'83, Feb. 6.	"	Hardwick.	P.
Augustus M. Rice,	'73, Dec. 17.	"	Sturbridge.	P.
John L. Sewall,	'82, July 19.	"	N. Brookfield.	P. C.
Dwight C. Stone,	'88, May 22.	"	*Chester, Ct.*	P.

Brookfield Association, Organized June 22, 1757.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October.

Rev. Edward B. Blanchard, Brookfield, scribe.

5. Cape Cod (Barnstable, 1792; Brewster, 1832; Vineyard Sound, 1836), Organized by union, October 16, 1866.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	'63, Feb. 17.	'82, Jan. 31.	Hyannis.	W. C.
Charles A. Breck,	'94, Sept. 25.	'97, Aug. 4.	Cotuit.	P.
Henry K. Craig,	'55, Jan. 24.	'73, April 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
George S. Dodge,	'93, June 6.	'94, Jan. 16.	West Acton.	W. C.
Ernest W. Eldredge,	'93, April.	'00, May 6.	E. Wareham.	W. C.
Edward T. Ford,	'97, May 25.	'97, Oct. 19.	*Tacoma, Wn.*	P.
Edgar B. French,	'97, Sept. 7.	'97, Oct. 19.	W. Barnstable.	P.
John W. Hayley,	'64, Sept. 23.	'95, Jan. 15.	Lowell.	W. C.
E. Irving Racket,	'94, May 9.	'94, July 17.	E. Orleans.	P. C.
John T. Rea,	'73, Aug. 8.	'79, Jan. 28.	*Exeter, N. H.*	W. C.
Daniel W. Richardson,	'62, Aug. 14.	'96, Aug. 4.	Chatham.	P.
Ezra J. Riggs,	'79, July 10.	'91, Nov. 10.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
Ezra N. Smith,	'72, June 12.	'92, April 19.	N. Falmouth.	P.
Rufus B. Tobey,	'80, Nov. 30.	'81, Jan. 25.	Boston.	W. C.
John J. Walker,	'94, Dec. 11.	'97, April 20.	Yarmouth.	P. C.
Bartlett H. Weston,	'90, May 29.	'99, Aug. 8.	Centerville.	P.
Edgar C. Wheeler,	'96, Sept. 22.	'00, April 17.	Hyannis.	P.
Chas. H. Whitney,	'71, Aug. 31.	'72, Jan. 16.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William H. Woodwell,	'73, June 12.	'89, June 11.	*Washington, D. C.*	P.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October. Rev. Edgar B. French, W. Barnstable, scribe.

6. Essex North, Organized September 6, 1761.

Frank G. Alger,	'86, July 22.	'98, Dec. 20.	Newburyport.	P.
Isaac N. Carleton,	*Licentiate.*	'87, April 19.	Bradford.	Teacher.
George W. Christie,	'73, Dec. 11.	'93, Feb. 21.	Amesbury.	P.
Calvin M. Clark,	'90, Dec. 30.	'93, Dec. 19.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Charles Clark,	'94, Dec. 12.	'98, April 26.	Ward Hill.	P. C.
Charles F. Clarke,	'92, Dec. 7.	'98, April 26.	Groveland.	P.
Chalmer H. Coolidge,	'83, May 24.	'98, Dec. 20.	West Newbury.	P.
F. Lincoln Davis,	'93, Nov. 8.	'94, April 17.	Acushnet.	P.
Leonard Dodd,	'78, May 5.	'99, Oct. 17.	*Atkinson Depot, N. H.*	P.
John W. Dodge,	'60, Dec. 6.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Daniel T. Fiske,	'47, Aug. 18.	'47, Dec. 29.	Newburyport.	P. C.
David Fraser, Jr.,	'95, Dec. 5.	'98, Oct. 17.	Rowley,	P. C.
George L. Gleason,	'66, Feb. 1.	'84, May 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Albert W. Hitchcock,	'91, Dec. 15.	'92, April 19.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Charles S. Holton,	'92, Nov. 30.	'97, Dec. 21.	Newbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Hubbard,	'68, Sept. 2.	'80, April 20.	West Boxford.	P. C.
Joseph Kimball,	'83, June 15.	'86, April 20.	*Hampton Falls, N. H.*	P.
John D. Kingsbury,	'56, Sept. 24.	'66, Oct. 17.	Bradford.	P. C.
Charles E. Lord,	'44, May 8.	'90, Dec. 16.	Newburyport.	W. C.
John N. Lowell,	'77, Nov. 21.	'81, Feb. 21.	Haverhill.	P.

6. Essex North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles P. Mills,	'80, Sept. 23.	'80, Dec. 21.	Newburyport.	W. C.
Vincent Moses,	'87, Oct. 2.	'92, Dec. 20.	Bradford.	W. C.
Albert F. Newton,	'77, Sept. 5.	'98, Dec. 20.	Haverhill.	P. C.
Frederick B. Noyes,	'90, Oct. 28.	'92, April 19.	Chiltonville.	P.
Edwin B. Palmer,	'59, Sept. 20.	'76, June 20.	Winchester.	Tr. H. M.Soc.
Manasseh G. Papazian,	'90, May 28.	'90, Oct. 21.	*Aintab.*	Prof.
Myron O. Patton,	'94, May 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	Newburyport.	P. C.
Eugene L. Raiche,	'97, Oct. 19.	'98, Feb. 15.	Boston.	W. C.
George L. Richmond,	'87, Oct. 10.	'90, April 15.	Amesbury.	W. C.
Francis W. Sanborn,	'78, Dec. 18.	'85, Dec. 16.	Marblehead.	W. C.
George H. Scott,	'73, Sept. 8.	'88, Feb. 21.	*Atkinson, N. H.*	P.
Alexander Sloan,	'97, June 15.	'98, Oct. 18.	*Kennebunk, Me.*	P.
Egbert C. Smyth,	'56, July 23.	'67, April 19.	Andover.	Prof. Sem.
George L. Todd,	'87, April 13.	'93, April 18.	Merrimac.	P. C.
David C. Torrey,	'92, June 1.	'92, Dec. 20.	Byfield.	P. C.
C. Julian Tuthill,	'94, May 1.	'95, Dec. 17.	Georgetown.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Calvin M. Clark, Haverhill, scribe.

7. Essex South and Salem (Essex South, September 3, 1717; Salem, October 15, 1840), Organized by union, December 1, 1885.

Harry C. Adams,	'89, Oct. 22.	'98, Jan. 11.	Danvers.	P. C.
Israel Ainsworth,	'80, April 11.	'89, May 14.	Rockport.	P. C.
William P. Alcott,	'68, Feb. 18.	'81, Sept. 13.	Boxford.	P.C. Linebrook.
Walter H. Ashley,	'78, Mar. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Manchester.	P.
S. Linton Bell,	'76, Jan. 5.	'81, April 1.	Marblehead.	P. C.
Lyman H. Blake,	'67, Nov. 14.	'00, Jan. 9.	Essex.	P.
Emery L. Bradford,	'92, July 1.	'94, Jan. 9.	Boxford.	P. C.
James F. Brodie,	'82, Feb. 21.	'89, Nov. 12.	Salem.	P. C.
John W. Buckham,	'88, Aug. 9.	'91, Jan. 13.	Salem.	P. C.
Daniel E. Burtner,	'90, Sept. 25.	'98, Sept. 13.	Swampscott.	P.
DeWitt S. Clark,	'68, Nov. 11.	'79, June 2.	Salem.	P. C.
Edward Constant,	'83, Aug. 30.	'92, Mar. 8.	Ipswich.	P.
Arthur J. Covell,	'90, Oct. 21.	'98, Nov. 8.	Lynn.	P. C.
Daniel L. Crafts,	'76, July 19.	'99, Mar. 14.	Lynn.	W. C.
Lyndon S. Crawford,	'79, Aug. 20.	'84, Jan. 8.	Southwick.	P.
Temple Cutler,	'61, Feb. 20.	'86, Sept. 26.	W. Gloucester.	P.
Hugh Elder,	'68, Jan. 29.	'68, April 7.		W. C.
Edward C. Ewing,	'63, Nov. 5.	'83, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	W. C.
George E. Freeman,	'58, Oct. 6.	'96, Mar. 10.	Lynnfield.	P. C.
Curtis M. Geer,	'90, June 25.	'95, Mar. 12.	*Lewiston, Me.*	W. C.
Leslie C. Greeley,	'98, Dec. 20.	'99, Sept. 12.	Middleton.	P.

7. Essex South and Salem (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Willis A. Hadley,	'78, Aug. 21.	'94, May 9.	Southbridge.	P. C.
George A. Hall,	'86, April 13.	'86, Dec. 1.	Peabody.	P. C.
Owen E. Hardy,	'94, Oct. 2.	'00, Mar. 13.	W. Peabody.	P.
Rufus P. Hibbard,	'68, Aug. 4.	'88, Sept. 11.	Gloucester.	P. C.
George A. Jackson,	'72, Sept. 26.	'79, Jan. 14.	Swampscott.	W. C.
John A. Johnson,	'92, Aug. 6.	'95, Mar. 12.	Lynn.	P.
Frederic I. Kelley,	'89, Dec. 30.	'90, Mar. 11.	Dracut.	P. C.
John C. Labaree,	'62, Feb. 4.	'96, Nov. 10.	Saugus.	P.
Warren P. Landers,	'91, Dec. 2.	'92, Mar. 8.	Somerville.	Journalist.
Frank A. Lindholm,	'98, Oct. 6.	'00, Jan. 9.	Pigeon Cove.	P.
Carl A. Lundgren,	'93, Aug. 17.	'94, May 9.	Waltham.	P.
William C. Merrill,	'84, May 17.	'97, Nov. 9.	Lynn.	P.
Albert W. Moore,	'73, Jan. 22.	'84, Mar. 11.	Lynn.	W. C.
Jesse G. Nichols,	'94, Sept. 13.	'95, Jan. 8.	Hamilton.	P. C.
George W. Osgood,	'78, Jan. 26.	'96, May 26.	Lynn.	P.
Albert B. Peabody,	'60, May 24.	'98, Nov. 8.	E. Boxford.	W. C.
Arthur H. Pingree,	'98, Nov. 16.	'99, Mar. 14.	Pigeon Cove.	P.
Aaron Porter,	'60, Nov. 20.	'88, Sept. 11.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank H. Reed,	'86, June 24.	'86, Dec. 1.	Lanesville.	P. C.
Charles B. Rice,	'59, Dec. 7.	'64, May 1.	Danvers.	Sect.
Edward F. Sanderson,	'99, June 27.	'99, Mar. 14.	Beverly.	P. C.
Jotham B. Sewall,	'55, Feb. 28.	'95, Mar. 12.	Boston.	P.
J. Henry Thayer,	'59, Dec. 29.	'60, Mar 6.	Cambridge.	Prof.
Lewis J. Thomas,	'78, June 18.	'98, Sept. 13.	W. Peabody.	P.
W. Sherman Thompson,	'91, Oct. 14.	'97, Mar. 9.	Cliftondale.	P.
Morris H. Turk,	'98, Sept. 22.	'00, Jan. 9,	Wenham.	P. C.
Francis J. Van Horn,	'93, Oct. 5.	'96, Mar. 10.	*Des Moines, Io,*	P. C.
Arthur N. Ward,	'79, Feb. 25.	'92, Jan. 12.	Somerville.	W. C.
T. Frank Waters,	'76, Oct. 23.	'79, Feb. 4.	Ipswich.	P. C.
Charles C. Watson,	'67, July 2.	'94, Jan. 9.	Lynn.	W. C.
Will C. Wood,	'68, Oct. 15.	'69, Jan. 12.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — Peter A. Johnson, Pigeon Cove.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. T. Frank Waters, Ipswich, scribe.

8. Franklin, Organized September 20, 1803.

G. Glenn Atkins,	'95, Jan. 2.	'95, Feb. 12.	*Burlington, Vt.*	P.
George H. Bailey,	'67, Nov. 26.	'94, July 10.	*Ferrisburgh, Vt.*	P.
Edgar F. Blanchard,	'94, Nov. 15.	'96, Feb. 11.	*E. Poultney, Vt.*	P.
Edward P. Butler,	'74, Oct. 20.	'90, June 12.	Sunderland.	P. C.
Andrew Campbell,	'96, Sept. 24.	'97, Feb. 9.	Webster.	W. C.
Christopher W. Collier,	'94, Jan. 3.	'99, Nov. 14.	Orange.	P. C.
Silas P. Cook,	'70, Mar. 23.	'94, July 10.	Pittsfield.	W. C.

8. FRANKLIN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles M. Crooks,	'97, Feb. 2.	'97, Sept. 14.	Colerain.	P.
George L. Dickinson,	'76, Sept. 20.	'92, April 11.	Whately.	W. C.
Joseph A. Goodrich,	'96, Sept. 9.	'96, Sept. 15.	Shelburne.	P.
Edward O. Grisbrook,	'93, May 17.	'98, Nov. 8.	South Deerfield.	P.
Horace F. Hallett,	'91, July 10.	'99, Nov. 14.	Ashfield.	P.
Alpheus C. Hodges,	'81, Nov. 16.	'82, Feb. 14.	*Canaan Four C., N. Y.*	P. C.
Dorr A. Hudson,	'91, Sept. 9.	'94, May 8.	Millers Falls.	P.
Eugene F. Hunt,	'84, Nov. 18.	'96, Sept. 15.	Conway.	P.
William R. Joyslin,	'64, Feb. 4.	'97, Nov. 9.	Centerville.	W. C.
Thomas C. Kinne,	'75, June 28.	'93, Dec. 12.	Montague.	W. C.
Frank N. Merriam,	'92, Feb. 24.	'98, Sept. 13.	Turner's Falls.	P.
C. B. F. Pease,	'89, June 25.	'90, Sept. 9.	*Plantsville, Ct.*	P. C.
John A. Pogue,	'96, Jan. 28.	'96, May 12.	Erving.	P.
Martin L. Richardson,	'61, Mar. 7.	'98, Nov. 8.	Montague.	W. C.
Thos. S. Robie,	'59, Oct. 25.	'99, Sept. 12.	West Hawley.	
Edward A. Robinson,	'83, July 11.	'98, Sept. 13.	Buckland.	P.
Theophilus H. Root,	'92, Sept. 9.	'00.	Whately.	W. C.
Edward P. Seymour,	'92, Oct. 25.	'97, Sept. 14.	Wendell.	P
Ira A. Smith,	'82, Sept. 27.	'88, Feb. 4.	Scotland.	P.
Frank Snowden,	'97, Sept. 22.	'98, Nov. 8.	Heath.	W. C.
David H. Strong,	'85, June 16.	'88, Nov. 13.	*Williamstown, Vt.*	P.
Hohannes T. Torosyan,	'99, June 1.	'99, Sept. 12.	Hawley.	
Carey H. Watson,	'91, Dec. 30.	'93, July 5.	Greenfield.	P.
Lyman Whiting,	'43, Jan. 11.	'90, May 13.	East Charlemont.	P.

Licentiate. — John C. Wightman.

STATED MEETINGS. — Annual, second Tuesday in May. Other meetings, second Tuesdays in September, November, and February.

Rev. Charles M. Crooks, Colerain, scribe.

9. HAMPDEN, Organized February 13, 1894, by the union of Hampden West and East, which were formed June 11 and 12, 1844.

Simeon O. Allen,	'70, Dec. 1.	'91, Feb. 10.	West Springfield.	W. C.
Samuel B. Andrews,	'68, June 20.	'98, April 12.	West Granville.	W. C.
William G. Ballantine,	'80, Aug. 20.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Stephen G. Barnes,	'81, April 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Longmeadow.	P. C.
Harlan P. Beach,	'83, July 19.	'93, Feb. 14.	*Montclair, N. J.*	Teacher.
Henry J. Bruce,	'62, Sept. 11.	'62, Nov. 11.	*Satara, India.*	F. M.
Collins G. Burnham,	'79, Dec. 10.	'89, May 14.	Chicopee.	P. C.
Hanford M. Burr,	'88, Oct. 24.	'90, May 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Gardner S. Butler,	'77, Jan. 7.	'99, Feb. 21.	*Union, N. H.*	W. C.
Luther H. Cone,	'55, April 5.	'60, Feb. 7.	*New Haven, Ct.*	P. C. *Em.*
Allen E. Cross,	'92, Dec. 29.	'97, Nov. 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edward Day,	'86, Sept. 18.	'99, Feb. 21.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry A. Dickinson,	'63, Oct. 16.	'68, Feb. 11.	Huntington.	W. C.
Myron S. Dudley,	'71, Sept. 28.	'87, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.

9. HAMPDEN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Allen C. Ferrin,	'96, June 30.	'97, July 13.	Blandford.	P. C.
Aaron W. Field,	'72, Nov. 13.	'81, Feb. 8.	New Marlboro.	W. C.
G. Walter Fiske,	'98, Oct. 25.	'99, Feb. 21.	S. Hadley Falls.	P.
Albert E. Fitch,	'96, Nov. 11.	'97, Nov. 9.	*Rensselaer, N. Y.*	P.
Everett D. Francis,	'95, Nov. 20.	'97, Feb. 9.	Ludlow.	P. C.
Frank L. Garfield,	'93, Feb. 21.	'93, April 11.	Feeding Hills.	P. C.
Lewis F. Giroux,	'89, April 17.	'89, Nov. 12.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Frank L. Goodspeed,	'87, June 29.	'95, April 9.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edwin H. Hadlock,	'93, April 23.	'00, June 26.	Springfield.	P. C.
Newton M. Hall,	'91, July 8.	'00, Feb. 13.	Springfield.	P. C.
Fosdick B. Harrison,	'94, June 13.	'99, July 11.	Palmer.	P. C.
Franklin S. Hatch,	'76, May 7.	'89, Feb. 12.	Monson.	P. C.
Theron H. Hawks,	'55, Mar. 5.	'88, July 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Winfield S. Hawkes,	'68, Nov. 12.	'00, April 10.	Springfield.	W. C.
Timothy A. Hazen,	'54, Oct. 11.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
Martin S. Howard,	'56, Nov. 20.	'69, Feb. 2.	Wilbraham.	P. C.
George H. Hubbard,	'84, Sept. 13.	'97, July 13.	Enfield.	P. C.
William T. Hutchins,	'76, Dec. 20.	'92, Nov. 7.	Indian Orchard.	W. C.
David L. Kebbe,	'91, June 17.	'91, July 14.	Springfield.	P. C.
Edward H. Knight,	'83, July 25.	'83, Nov. 13.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Gerald Stanley Lee,	'88, Oct. 23.	'95, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	W. C.
Samuel H. Lee,	'62, Sept. 17.	'90, Nov. 11.	Springfield.	Pres. Coll.
John H. Lockwood,	'71, Nov. 5.	'79, Nov. 11.	Westfield.	P. C.
Clarence C. Lyon,	'90, Dec. 17.	'94, Nov. 13.	*Plainfield, Ct.*	W. C.
Samuel V. McDuffie,	'69, May 12.	'00, June 26.	Springfield.	W. C.
Harry C. McKnight,	'85, Oct. 7.	'98, July 12.	E. Longmeadow.	P.
Henry B. Mason,	'92, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	Duxbury.	P.
Samuel L. Merrell,	'50, Jan. 8.	'82, Nov. 14.	Springfield.	W. C.
Henry C. Meserve,	'94, Mar. 14.	'94, Nov. 13.	*Indianapolis, Ind.*	P. C.
Philip S. Moxom,	'71, Sept. 19.	'96, Feb. 11.	Springfield.	P. C.
Egbert N. Munroe,	'81, May 4.	'89, Nov. 12.	Wellfleet.	P.
Charles Olmstead,	'83, Sept. 27.	'99, July 11.	Three Rivers.	P.
Charles Pease,	'96, Oct. 20.	'97, Nov. 9.	*Long Beach, Cal.*	W. C.
Hervey G. Pillsbury,	'82, Sept. 28.	'95, July 9.	Chicopee Falls.	P. C.
Paul H. Pitkin,	'66, Sept. 11.	'82, May 9.	Springfield.	Teacher.
Abram J. Quick,	'64, Mar. 7.	'91, Nov. 10.	*Baltimore, Md.*	W. C.
David A. Reed,	'81, June 7.	'81, June 12.	Springfield.	Pres. S.C.W.
Edward A. Reed,	'71, June 14.	'88, Feb. 14.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Franklin P. Reinhold,	'98, July 26.	'99, Feb. 21.	Holyoke.	W. C.
Walter Rice,	'65, July 25.	'92, Nov. 7.	Agawam.	P. C.
James B. Sargent,	'97, Sept. 15.	'98, April 12.	Hampden.	P. C.
Alphens M. Spangler,	'88, June 22.	'88, Nov. 13.	Mittineague.	P. C.
Frank M. Sprague,	'75, Sept. 22.	'82, May 9.	*Tampa, Fla.*	P.
Thomas S. St. Aubin,	'93, Oct. 1.	'98, Feb. 8.	Springfield.	P. C.
Wallace H. Sterns,	'98, July 14.	'99, Feb. 21.	Granville Center.	P. C.
Richard L. Swain,	'84, Aug. 21.	'94, July 10.	*Laconia, N. H.*	P. C.

9. HAMPDEN (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William J. Tate,	'92, Nov. 16.	'93, April 11.	*Windsor Locks, Ct.*	W. C.
Wm. Arthur Thomas,	'82, Mar. 2.	'00, June 26.	Ludlow.	P.
John L. R. Trask,	'67, Dec. 4.	'95, Feb. 12.	Springfield.	W. C.
James Tufts,	'44, Sept. 23.	'54, Feb. 2.	Monson.	W. C.
Rufus S. Underwood,	'67, Nov. 19.	'98, Feb. 8.	Longmeadow.	Evan.
Josiah G. Willis,	'76, Oct. 10.	'88, Nov. 13.	Holland.	P.
George W. Winch,	'75, Oct. 6.	'91, Nov. 10.	Holyoke.	P. C.
Herbert P. Woodin,	'92, June 26.	'99, Feb. 21.	Chicopee.	P.
Samuel H. Woodrow,	'88, Aug. 30.	'99, April 11.	Springfield.	P. C.

Licentiate. — 1897, James C. Greenough.

STATED MEETINGS. — In Springfield, second Tuesdays in February, April, July, and November.

Rev. Collins G. Burnham, Chicopee, scribe.

10. HAMPSHIRE, Organized before 1735.

John E. Bowman,	'95, Feb. 14.	'97, June 8.	*S. Killingly, Ct.*	P.
George H. Buck,	'94, July 5.	'94, Oct. 16.	*Crown Point, N. Y.*	P.
Solomon Clark,	'41, June 13.	'61, Aug. 6.	*Chicago, Ill.*	W. C.
Elisha G. Cobb,	'60, June 20.	'67, Feb. 5.	Florence.	P. C.
John Cowan,	'75, May 25.	'98, Feb. 8.	Southampton.	P.
Harlan Creelman,	'89, Sept. 17.	'90, Feb. 11.	*Montreal, Can.*	Prof.
Henry L. Edwards,	'57, July 12.	'85, Feb. 17.	Northampton.	W. C.
Charles H. Hamlin,	'76, Sept. 19.	'85, Oct. 27.	Easthampton.	P. C.
Calvin Keyser,	'75, Dec. 28.	'99, Feb. 21.	Goshen.	P.
Wm. J. Parmelee, M.D.	'84, Feb. 26.	'92, Feb. 2.	Worthington.	W. C.
Cyrus Pickett,	'67, Feb. 28.	'96, Oct. 20.	Northampton.	W. C.
John Pierpont,	'88, July 26.	'98, June 7.	Williamsburg.	P.
Harvey Porter,	'80, Aug. 3.	'80, June 1.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Prof. Coll.
Wilbur Rand,	'83, May 9.	'95, June 11.	*Bangor, N. Y.*	P.
Henry T. Rose,	'70, May 29.	'95, Feb. 5.	Northampton.	P. C.
Joseph H. Sawyer,	'88, Sept. 3.	'80, June 1.	Easthampton.	Prof.
William C. Scofield,	'51, Oct. 15.	'95, June 11.	Westhampton.	P.
L. Clark Seelye,	'63, Jan. 20.	'75, Feb. 2.	Northampton.	Pres. Coll.
Samuel T. Seelye,	'46, June 17.	'64, Feb. 2.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Henry H. Smith,	'73, Sept. 7.	'94, June 5.	Huntington.	W. C.
Henry P. Smith,	'75, June 8.	'99, Feb. 21.	Amherst.	P.
Thomas S. Smith,	'71, March 21.	'99, Dec. 12.	Easthampton.	W. C.
Hanson E. Thygeson,	'87, Nov. 2.	'95, Oct. 29.	Chesterfield.	P.
Arthur C. Townsend,	'91, June 10.	'92, Feb. 2.	*Crawford, Neb.*	P.
Henry M. Tyler,	'72, May 6.	'84, Feb. 12.	Northampton.	Prof.
George N. Webber,	'55, Dec. 5.	'90, Oct. 28.	Northampton.	W. C.
Irving F. Wood,	'94, Mar. 6.	'96, June 2.	Northampton.	Prof. Coll.
Sumner G. Wood,	'80, Dec. 30.	'89, Feb. 9.	Easthampton.	P. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — Second Tuesday in February, first Tuesday of June, fourth Tuesday of September, and second Tuesday of December.

Rev. E. G. Cobb, Florence, scribe.

11. Hampshire East, Organized November 16, 1841.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Warren H. Beaman,	'41, Sept. 15.	'41, Nov. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Robert C. Bell,	'69, Nov. 3.	'92, Dec. 6.	Granby.	P.
Daniel Bliss,	'55, Oct. 31.	'74, Sept. 22.	*Beirut, Syria.*	Pres. Coll.
Frederick H. Bodman,	'95, May 27.	'96, Dec. 1.	*New Haven, Ct.*	W. C.
Edward P. Crowell,	*Licentiate.*	'65, Sept. 19.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
William E. Dickinson,	'60, Dec. 19.	'97, Feb. 3.	Amherst.	W. C.
Levi H. Elwell,	*Licentiate.*	'80, Dec. 21.	Amherst.	Inst. in Coll.
Henry Fairbank,	'86, May 27.	'85, May 26.	*Ahmednagar, India.*	F. M.
George E. Fisher,	'50, Feb. 27.	'67, Dec. 17.	No. Amherst.	W. C.
Eber W. Gaylord,	'73, May 13.	'90, Dec. 2.	No. Amherst.	P. C.
John F. Gleason,	'73, Jan. 7.	'95, May 28.	S. Amherst.	P.
Edwin A. Grosvenor,	'72, July 30.	'96, Feb. 4.	Amherst.	Prof. Coll.
Chester W. Hawley,	'61, May 2.	'99, Feb. 7.	Amherst.	P.
William D. Herrick,	'60, Jan. 18.	'84, Sept. 16.	Amherst.	W. C.
Charles E. Houghton,	'76, May 24.	'89, May 28.	Dana.	W. C.
Oliver Huckel,	'90, Sept. 10.	'96, May 26.	*Baltimore, Md.*	P. C.
Newton I. Jones,	'75, July 15.	'94, May 29.	Dudley.	P.
Edward E. Keedy,	'94, Oct. 16.	'94, Dec. 4.	Hadley.	P.
John W. Lane,	'60, Oct. 16.	'61, Jan. 9.	North Hadley.	P. C.
George Lyman,	'51, Nov. 12.	'70, Dec. 20.	*Riverside, Cal.*	W. C.
Henry R. McCartney,	'87, June 25.	'98, Dec. 6.	Amherst.	P. C.
George J. Newton,	'97, July 22.	'98, Feb. 6.	Boston.	W. C.
Arthur B. Patten,	'94, Feb. 1.	'97, Dec. 7.	S. Hadley.	P. C.
Lawrence Perry,	'94, May 10.	'96, May 26.	Jamaica Plain.	W. C.
Charles S. Walker,	'71, Aug. 1.	'81, Sept. 20.	Amherst.	Prof. of Ag. Coll.
Edward C. Winslow,	'81, Nov. 2,	'96, May 26.	Amherst.	W. C.
Robert M. Woods,	'77, Nov. 21.	'77, Dec. 4.	Hatfield.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Edward P. Crowell, re-licensed Sept. 21, 1897; W. L. Montague, re-licensed Dec. 6, 1898; L. H. Elwell, re-licensed Dec. 1, 1896.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February, June, and December, and third Tuesday of September.

Rev. Geo. E. Fisher, North Amherst, scribe.

12. Mendon, Organized November 8, 1751.

John F. Crosby,	'92, Mar. 30.	'94, Dec. 4.	*Dover, N. H.*	W. C.
Nathan T. Dyer,	'78, July 31.	'90, Dec. 9.	Ashburnham.	P.
Joseph M. R. Eaton,	'45, Jan. 9.	'71, Mar. 14.	*Redlands, Cal.*	W. C.
James W. Flagg,	'82, Oct. 25.	'93, June 13.	Foxboro.	P.
Rufus K. Harlow,	'68, Oct. 15.	'72, June 11.	Medway.	P. C.
Edward C. Hood,	'74, May 8.	'96, Dec. 1.	Hingham.	W. C.
Alexis W. Ide,	'59, July 7.	'72, June 12.	West Medway.	W. C.
Ephraim O. Jameson,	'60, Mar. 1.	'72, June 11.	Boston.	W. C.
Franklin C. Jones,	'63, Feb. 4.	'96, April 7.	Dover.	P.
Charles W. Longren,	'87, Aug. 24.	'95, Feb. 12.	*Montrose, Col.*	P.
Francis J. Marsh,	'76, Mar. 26.	'82, Mar. 14.	Boston.	W. C.
William J. Minchin,	'96, June 10.	'99, Oct. 10.	Wrentham.	P.
Edson J. Moore,	'61, April 1.	'86, Sept. 21.	Norfolk.	P.

12. MENDON (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	'65, Nov. 22.	'98, Oct. 4.	E. Walpole.	P.
Leroy M. Pierce.	'70, Feb. 4.	'98, Apr. 5.	Medfield.	P.
William L. Ropes,	'53, Sept. 14.	'53, Oct. 11.	Andover.	Librarian.
Isaiah W. Sneath,	'84, Feb. 27.	'99, April 19.	Franklin.	P. C.
Herman F. Swartz,	'98, July 27.	'98, Dec. 6.	Mansfield.	P. C.
George E. Sweet,	'90, June 30.	'99, Oct. 10.	West Medway.	P.
Albert H. Wheelock,	'88, July 3.	'94, Mar. 13.	Millis.	P.
Webster Woodbury,	'68, Sept. 29.	'88, June 13.	Milford.	P. C.
George F. Wright,	'75, July 14.	'98, Oct. 4.	*N. New Portland, Me.*	P.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, April, October, and December.

Rev. James W. Flagg, Foxboro, scribe.

13. MIDDLESEX SOUTH, Organized June 7, 1830.

Daniel E. Adams,	'60, Dec. 5.	'86, Dec. 7.	Wellesley Hills.	P.
George M. Adams,	'51, Sept. 18.	'73, Sept. 9.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Edward E. Bradley,	'93, June 20.	'94, Dec. 4.	Lincoln.	P. C.
Merle A. Breed,	'93, Nov. 21.	'97, May 4.	Westboro.	P. C.
S. Ingersoll Briant,	'68, April 22.	'99, Feb. 7.	Westboro.	W. C.
George A. Brock,	'91, June 29.	'92, May 3.	*Lockport, N. Y.*	P.
Irving A. Burnap,	'92, Sept. 15.	'97, Dec. 7.	S. Natick.	P.
Edward H. Chandler,	'92, Nov. 9.	'97, Sept. 21.	Wellesley.	P. C.
Daniel W. Clark,	'82, June 22.	'99, Dec. 5.	Ashland.	W. C.
Edmund Dowse,	'38, Oct. 10.	'39, Feb. 5.	Sherborn.	P. C.
Horace Dutton,	'68, Jan. 21.	'75, Sept. 21.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Lucius R. Eastman,	'62, May 1.	'71, Dec. 2.	Framingham.	P. C.
Fred E. Emrich,	'75, Sept. 16.	'90, Sept. 16.	So. Framingham.	P. C.
Prescott Fay,	'56, Feb. 27.	'96, Feb. 4.	Saxonville.	W. C.
Lincoln B. Goodrich,	'93, June 29.	'97, Sept. 21.	Marlboro.	P. C.
Robert F. Gordon,	'76, May 12.	'90, Feb. 4.	Boston.	P.
Theodore J. Holmes,	'59, Oct. 5.	'94, Sept. 18.	*Portsmouth, N. H.*	W. C.
Thomas C. Jackson,	'82, Aug.	'95, Sept. 17.	*Ironton, O.*	P. C.
James B. King,	'84, July .	'99, Sept. 19.	Hopkinton.	P.
George W. Lawrence,	'88, Feb. 14.	'99, Sept. 19.	Ashland.	W. C.
Martin F. Mevis,	'93, Sept. 18.	'94, May 1.	Southboro.	P.
Francis N. Peloubet,	'57, Dec. 2.	'72, Feb. 6.	Auburndale.	W. C.
William G. Puddefoot,	'88, Jan. 29.	'98, Dec. 6.	S. Framingham.	W. C.
Clarence W. Rouse,	'90, Dec. 4.	'95, Dec. 3.	S. Sudbury.	P. C.
Albert D. Smith,	'88, Oct. 4.	'97, Feb. 2.	Northboro.	P.
Frederic E. Sturgis,	'68, Oct. 1.	'86, May 6.	Natick.	P. C.
Arthur Titcomb,	'88, Oct. 31.	'00, Feb. 6.	Saxonville.	P.
Charles L. Tomblen,	'77, Aug. 30.	'95, Dec. 3.	N. Middleboro.	P.
Nicholas Vander Pyl,	'93, Sept. 13.	'96, May 5.	Holliston.	P. C.
Benjamin C. Wood,	'94, July .	'99, May 2.	Wayland.	P.
Harvey Woodward,	'74, April 20.	'98, Sept. 20.	Natick.	W. C.

STATED MEETINGS. — First Tuesdays in February, May, and December, third Tuesday in September.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams, Wellesley Hills, scribe.

14. Middlesex Union, Organized January, 1827.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James M. Bell,	'58, July 21.	'93, Nov. 21.	N. Leominster.	P.
Herbert W. Boyd,	'86, Nov. 5.	'98, Nov. 15.	Ashby.	P. C.
Charles S. Brooks,	'69, Sept. 15.	'87, Sept. 20.	*Clifton Springs, N. Y.*	W. C.
Wilson R. Buxton,	'94, May 2.	'94, Nov. 20.	So. Acton.	P.
Walter W. Campbell,	'90, Nov. 12.	'90, Nov. 18.	Concord.	W. C.
William O. Conrad,	'90, June 8.	'98, May 24.	Fitchburg.	P. C.
Bernard Copping,	'79, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 17.	Acton.	P. C.
Amelia A. Frost,	'94, Feb. 14.	'94, Nov. 20.	Littleton.	P. C.
George B. Frost,	'83, June 7.	'94, May 22.	Littleton.	W. C.
Henry H. Gay,	'89, April 16.	'92, Mar. 15.	Groton.	W. C.
Edward L. Gulick,	'89, Dec. 3.	'91, Sept. 15.	*Lawrenceville, N. J.*	Tea.
John C. Handy,	'89,	'00, June 21.	Ayer.	P.
Harry L. Hartwell,	'95, Aug. 28.	'99, Nov. 21.	Dunstable.	P.
Charles S. Haynes,	'94, May 23.	'97, Sept. 21.	Fitchburg.	W. C.
George R. Hewitt,	'86, June 4.	'95, Mar. 19.	Lowell.	P.
Henry M. Holmes,	'65½ May 10.	'79, Jan. 7.	Provincetown.	W. C.
Alfred S. Hudson,	'67, Dec. 19.	'84, Dec. 30.	Ayer.	P.
John E. B. Jewett,	'51, Sept. 10.	'61, May 7.	Pepperell.	W. C.
William C. Martyn,	'98, Nov. 29.	'99, Mar. 21.	Boxboro.	P. C.
Lyman Mevis,	'91, Oct. 1.	'99, Mar. 21.	Townsend.	W. C.
Joel D. Miller,	'66, April.	'71, July 5.	Leominster.	Editor.
Jason G. Miller,	'99, Sept. 12.	'99, Sept. 19.	Harvard.	P. C.
Frank E. Mills,	'78, Nov. 13.	'98, Mar. 15.	Pepperell.	W. C.
Horace Parker,	'61, May 31.	'64, Mar. 1.	W. Tisbury.	P.
Elijah H. Roper,	'97, Oct. 27.	'98, Jan. 17.	Westford.	P.
Charles H. Rowley,	'81, Feb. 23.	'86, Mar. 2.	Harwich.	P.
Geo. R. W. Scott,	'68, Sept. 17.	'81, Jan. 11.	Newton.	W. C.
George A. Tewksbury,	'63, Dec. 21.	'95, Sept. 17.	Concord.	P.
Nathan Thompson,	'65, Sept. 13.	'77, Sept. 4.	*Cheltenham, Md.*	W. C.
Ole O. Thorpe,	'94, Mar. 1.	'96, Jan. 21.	Concord.	W. C.
J. Brainerd Thrall,	'78, Dec. 8.	'98, Sept. 20.	Pepperell.	P.
Joseph Torrey,	'60, May 30.	'94, Jan. 16.	Shirley.	P.
Louis B. Voorhees,	'71, Dec. 6.	'94, May 22.	Groton.	P. C.
David Wallace,	'94, Aug. 22.	'97, Sept. 21.	Lunenburg.	P.
Charles H. Washburn,	'85, Dec. 2.	'99, Nov. 21.	Maynard.	P.
Franklin P. Wood,	'71, July 24.	'73, May 6.	Acton.	W. C.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. William J. Batt, Concord Junction, scribe and treasurer.

15. Norfolk Association, Organized May 11, 1811.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Alexander,	'91, Oct. 29.	'96, April 21.	Roxbury.	Asst. P.
Henry Clay Alvord,	'79, Sept. 10.	'87, Feb. 15.	South Weymouth.	P. C.
Edward Anderson,	'58, Oct. 13.	'98, Dec. 20.	Quincy.	P.
Andrew W. Archibald,	'76, Aug. 24.	'9 ", June 15.	Brockton.	P. C.
George Benedict,	'83, Oct. 9.	'98, Dec. 20.	North Abington.	P.
E. Victor Bigelow,	'91, Sept. 24.	'91, Dec. 15.	Cohasset.	P. C.
Henry E. Bray,	'89, Jan. 30.	'99, Dec. 19.	Stoughton.	P.
Frank E. Butler,	'87, June 22.	'96, Dec. 15.	South Weymouth.	P.
Edward C. Camp,	'94, Oct. 10.	'99, April 18.	Whitman.	P. C.
Almon J. Dyer,	'86, June 4.	'98, Feb. 15.	Sharon.	P. C.
Augustus H. Fuller,	'78, Oct. 17.	'95, Feb. 19.	Easton Center.	P.
DeMont Goodyear,	'00, Jan. 31.	'00, April 17.	Abington.	P. C.
Edwin N. Hardy,	'90, Nov. 6.	'95, Dec. 17.	Quincy.	P. C.
Calvin G. Hill,	'72, Sept. 5.	'84, June 10.	Milton.	W. C.
Charles A. Hilton,	'73, June 9.	'94, Feb. 20.	Randolph.	P. C.
Alan Hudson,	'92, Dec. 28.	'93, April 18.	Brockton.	P. C.
Henry S. Huntington,	'66, Jan. 31.	'91, Oct. 17.	Milton.	P.
Robert R. Kendall,	'78, Jan. 30.	'92, Dec. 20.	Weymouth Heights.	P. C.
Joseph Kyte,	'62, Sept. 25.	'96, Feb. 18.	*N. Anson, Me.*	P.
John M. Lord,	'51, Dec. 21.	'93, Dec. 19.	Weymouth.	W. C.
Warren F. Low,	'94, Sept. 4.	'95, Feb. 19.	Holbrook.	P. C.
Samuel Morrison,	'65, Oct. 24.	'90, Oct. 28.	Braintree.	W. C.
Andrew H. Mulnix,	'98, Feb. 3.	'99, Oct. 31.	E. Milton.	P. C.
Edwin L. Noble,	'96, May 18.	'98, June 14.	Neponset.	P. C.
Edward Norton,	'64, Dec. 28.	'75, Jan. 26.	Quincy.	P. Em.
Frank H. Palmer,	'80, Sept. 28.	'86, April 20.	Braintree.	W. C.
Frank Park,	'95, July 16.	'99, April 18.	Beechwood.	P.
Albert F. Pierce,	'77, Sept. 3.	'99, April 18.	Campello.	P. C.
Francis A. Poole,	'93, July 12.	'00, April 17.	E. Weymouth.	P. C.
Elbert S. Porter,	'83, Dec. 19.	'89, Oct. 29.	Bridgewater.	P. C.
Caleb L. Rotch,	'79, Oct. 9.	'97, Oct. 26.	N. Rochester.	P.
Henry S. Snyder,	'85, Oct. 28.	'98, Feb. 15.	Weymouth.	P.
Albert K. Teele.	'45, July 15.	'52, April 27.	Milton.	P. Em.
Arthur Truslow,	'96, Sept. 30.	'99, Oct. 31.	Hingham.	P.
Thomas H. Vincent,	'89, Feb. 6.	'97, Dec. 28.	N. Weymouth.	P.
Isaac C. White,	'50, Oct. 23.	'90, June 10.	Plymouth.	W. C.
Granville Yager,	'76, June 20.	'98, Dec. 20.	E. Bridgewater.	W. C.

Stated Meetings.—Last Tuesday in October, third Tuesdays in December, February, and April, and second Tuesday in June.

Rev. Almon J. Dyer, Sharon, scribe and treasurer.

16. Old Colony, Organized August 18, 1810.

Harry L. Brickett,	'83, May 23.	'96, Feb. 12.	Marion.	P. C.
William Carruthers,	'58, June 16.	'92, Feb. 10.	Holyoke.	C. M.
John Graham,	'90, Jan. 17.	'90, Feb. 12.	*Sheldon, Vt.*	P.
Henry M. Grant,	'63, Nov. 17.	'79, Oct. 22.	*Eau Claire, Wis.*	W. C.
Charles F. Hersey,	'93, Jan. 25.	'94, Nov. 14.	New Bedford.	W. C.

16. Old Colony (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Robert Humphrey,	'83, July 17.	'97, Feb. 10.	Mattapoisett.	P.
Matthew C. Julien,	'72, Dec. 11.	'78, July 30.	New Bedford.	P. C.
John A. MacColl,	'83, Jan. 31.	'90, Feb. 12.	New Bedford.	P. C.
Robert L. Rae,	'89, Oct. 14.	'90, Feb. 12.	Brockton.	P.
George W. Stearns,	'83, Aug. 1.	'95, Nov. 13.	Middleboro.	P. C.
Richard G. Woodbridge,	'81, April 6.	'94, Nov. 14.	Middleboro.	P. C.
I. Herbert Yeoman,	'77, Jan. 25.	'98, Nov. 11.	Tewksbury.	P.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in February, May, and November.
Rev. Robert L. Rae, 12 Argyle avenue, Brockton, scribe.

17. Plymouth, Organized May 18, 1858.

Haig Adadourian,	'97, Nov. 3.	'97, Nov. 16.	Manomet.	P.
Charles S. Bates,	'90, June 6.	'97, Nov. 16.	Otis.	P.
John W. Brownville,	'73, Dec. 18.	'85, Nov. 17.	Hanover.	W. C.
Austin S. Chase,	'76, Dec. 14.	'93, May 8.	*E. Hartford, Ct.*	W. C.
Zenas Crowell,	'77, Dec. 19.	'86, Nov. 16.	Attleboro Falls.	P.
Oscar F. Davis,	'95, Jan. 16.	'95, Nov. 19.	*Emington, Ill.*	W. C.
Alfred DeBarritt,	'95, May 31.	'97, Nov. 16.	*Havana, Cuba.*	P.
Washington H. Forbes,	'81, July 1.	'98, Oct. 25.	South Dennis.	P.
Jesse H. Jones,	'61, May 19.	'99, March 7.	Halifax,	P.
Frederic W. Manning,	'91, Dec. 31.	'92, Aug. 16.	Marshfield.	P. C.
Solomon G. Merrick,	'86, Sept. 2.	'96, Nov. 17.	*Cocoanut Grove, Fla.*	W. C.
Francis Moon,	'80, July 2.	'89, Nov. 19.	Chiltonville.	W. C.
Ernest W. Shurtleff,	'89, Nov. 16.	'92, Aug. 16.	*Minneapolis, Minn.*	P. C.
John Wild,	'92, April 20.	'92, Aug. 16.	Hanover.	P.
George W. Wright,	'77, Dec. 5.	'93, Nov. 21.	Boston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — James I. Thomas, Halifax.
Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November.
Rev. F. W. Manning, Marshfield, scribe.

18. Suffolk North, Organized July 2, 1822.

Milan C. Ayres,	'74, May 30.	'85, Feb. 15.	Roxbury.	Editor.
David N. Beach,	'76, June 15.	'85, Feb. 17.	*Denver, Colo.*	P. C.
Reuben A. Beard,	'79, Sept. 10.	'98, Jan. 25.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Joseph P. Bixby,	'62, April 30.	'79, Sept. 16.	Revere.	W. C.
Howard A. Bridgman,	'90, Nov. 19.	'87, Dec. 13.	Brookline.	Editor.
G. Wolcott Brooks,	'77, Oct. 10.	'85, April 21.	Dorchester.	P.
Samuel C. Bushnell,	'79, June 4.	'90, May 28.	Arlington.	P. C.
Charles M. Carpenter,	'90, April 22.	'95, Feb. 6.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Samuel M. Cathcart,	'96, Dec. 1.	'97, May 25.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Charles F. Crathern,	'86, Sept. 1.	'93, Dec. 6.	Braintree.	P.
George Darling,	'50, July 12.	'93, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.
William C. Detling,	'97, Mar. 3.	'95, Oct. 30.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
M. Angelo Dougherty,	'69, June 15.	'87, June 7.	Cambridge.	W. C.

18. Suffolk North (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Walter S. Eaton,	'91, April 26.	'94, Feb. 7.	Revere.	P. C
Robert E. Ely,	'90, Dec. 11.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridgeport.	W. C
Daniel Evans,	'91, May 26.	'00, Jan. 30.	N. Cambridge.	P. C.
Oren B. Fisher,	'75, Sept. 28.	'99, May 31.	E. Boston.	P. C.
William B. Forbush,	'92, Feb. 17.	'98, Sept. 27.	Boston.	P. C.
George H. Gutterson,	'78, Dec. 3.	'95, June 10.	Winchester.	Sect.
Sam'l E. Herrick,	'63, Oct. 13.	'65, Feb. 21.	Boston.	P. C.
John V. Hilton,	'60, July.	'77, Dec. 18.	*Boulder, Col.*	W. C.
Elijah Horr,	'67, Apr. 21.	'97, Nov. 30.	Malden.	W. C.
Ross C. Houghton,	'69, April 18.	'95, June 10.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Frank H. Kasson,	'79, Nov. 13.	'83, Sept. 18.	Boston.	Editor.
Horace H. Leavitt,	'73, June 19.	'95, Feb. 6.	Somerville.	P. C.
Duncan McDermid,	'86, Oct. 28.	'93, Feb. 8.	Boston.	W. C.
Robert A. MacFadden,	'96, June 16.	'98, Sept. 27.	Chelsea.	P. C.
Alexander McKenzie,	'61, Aug. 28.	'67, April 16.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Peter McQueen,	'91, May 8.	'93, Oct. 4.	Somerville.	C.
William J. Murray,	'79, April 28.	'00, March 27.	Beachmont.	P.
Sylvester S. Nickerson,	'76, Dec. 26.	'89, Sept. 25.	Boston.	P.
Charles L. Noyes,	'80, Mar. 29.	'83, Feb. 20.	Somerville.	P. C.
Leonard S. Parker,	'38, Dec. 16.	'87, Feb. 8.	North Cambridge.	A. P.
Lawrence Phelps,	'78, Sept. 5.	'92, April 5.	Leominster.	W. C.
Charles H. Pope,	'65, July 27.	'97, Mar. 30.	Cambridge.	P.
Frank E. Ramsdell,	'91, June 30.	'97, May 25.	*New York, N. Y.*	P. C.
Edward K. Rawson,	'72, Oct. 9.	'83, April 10.	*Annapolis, Md.*	Chaplain.
James H. Ross,	'78, Feb. 22.	'88, Nov. 20.	Cambridge.	W. C.
P. Thomas Stanford,	'78, Sept. 26,	'99, May 31.	N. Cambridge.	W. C.
Alfred E. Stembridge,	'92, Mar. 28.	'98, Sept. 27.	Arlington Heights.	W. C.
William I. Sweet,	'87, April 19.	'98, May 31.	Everett.	P.
Charles H. Talmage,	'82, Sept. 18.	'99, Nov. 28.	Cambridge.	W. C.
John G. Taylor,	'73, Jan. 9.	'00, Jan. 30.	Arlington Heights.	P.
Edward Sampson Tead,	'78, Sept. 17.	'86, Feb. 12.	Somerville.	P. C.
Edward P. Tenney,	'58, Oct. 19.	'0[illegible], Jan. 30.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Calvin Terry,	'46, Dec. 20.	'61, June 18.	North Weymouth.	W. C.
C. A. G. Thurston,	'77, Oct. 17.	'00, March 27.	Somerville.	W. C.
Charles F. Thwing,	'79, Sept.	'79, Dec. 16.	*Cleveland, O.*	Pres.
Robert W. Wallace,	'72, May 26.	'97, Nov. 30.	Somerville.	P. C.
George Washburn,	'63, July 29.	'78, Oct. 13.	*Constantinople.*	Pres. Coll.
George Y. Washburn,	'82, April 26.	'00, Jan. 30.	Everett	W. C.
Aquilla Webb,	'99, Feb. 9.	'99, May 31.	Everett.	P.
Charles H. Williams,	'99, Oct. 19.	'00, Jan. 30.	Cambridge.	P. C.
Albert E. Winship,	'75, Mar. 17.	'76, June 13.	Somerville.	Editor.
James C. Young,	'91, Aug. 25.	'97, Nov. 30.	E. Boston.	P. C.

Licentiates. — Charles R. Blood, 1898; George E. Kinney, 1898.

Stated Meetings. — Last Tuesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. S. M. Cathcart, Chelsea, scribe.

19. Suffolk South, Organized January 27, 1829.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
William H. Allbright,	'79, June 6.	'91, Mar. 11.	Roxbury.	P.
Charles H. Beale,	'80, April 5.	'95, Jan. 16.	Roxbury.	P. C.
William T. Beale,	'82, June 7.	'99, May 10.	Dorchester.	P.
Warren F. Bickford,	'76, June 20.	'92, May 11.	Islington.	S.
George M. Boynton,	'63, Oct. 28.	'80, Nov. 10.	Newton Center.	Sec.
Seelye Bryant,	'90, Oct. 1.	'00, Mar. 14.	Canton.	P. C.
William R. Campbell,	'81, Oct. 12.	'81, Nov. 9.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Edward A. Chase,	'84, May 28.	'00, Jan. 24.	Wollaston,	P. C.
Francis E. Clark,	'76, Oct. 19.	'84, Jan. 16.	Auburndale.	Y. P. S. C. E.
Alfred E. Colton,	'84, May 28.	'99, Nov. 8.	Dorchester.	Sect.
Perley B. Davis,	'62, Jan. 29.	'63, July 7.	W. Roxbury.	W. C.
Morton Dexter,	'73, April 30.	'84, Mar. 12.	Boston.	Editor.
Charles A. Dickinson,	'79, Sept. 27.	'99, Nov. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Charles A. Dinsmore,	'85, July 20.	'96, Mar. 18.	South Boston.	P. C.
Albert E. Dunning,	'70, Sept. 29.	'71, Jan. 2.	Brookline.	Editor.
Percy H. Epler,	'98, May 26.	'98, Sept. 14.	South Boston.	Asst. P.
Solomon P. Fay,	'49, Sept. 6.	'82, Mar. 8.	Dorchester.	W. C.
George H. Flint,	'94, Oct. 22.	'96, Jan. 15.	Dorchester.	P.
Addison P. Foster,	'66, Oct. 3.	'86, May 4.	Auburndale.	Sect. A. S. S. U.
William Gallagher,	'74, Dec. 1.	'98, Jan. 12.	S. Braintree.	Prin.
Richard B. Grover,	'81, Oct. 4.	'92, May 11.	Roslindale.	W. C.
Benj. F. Hamilton,	'65, June 28.	'72, Mar. 12.	Roxbury.	W. C.
John A. Hamilton,	'61, Jan. 29.	'85, May 13.	Newton.	Sec. A. E. S.
Harry O. Hannum,	'96, Sept. 16.	'00, Mar. 14.	Boston.	Assist. P.
Henry N. Hoyt,	'76, May 22.	'98, May 11.	Hyde Park.	P. C.
Albion H. Johnson,	'65, Oct. 13.	'83, May 9.	*California.*	W. C.
William S. Kelsey,	'85, May 27.	'99, May 10.	Allston.	Assoc. P.
John L. Kilbon,	'89, June 28.	'92, Sept. 14.	Newton Center.	Editor.
Frederick T. Knight,	'97, Oct. 5.	'97, Nov. 10.	Wollaston.	P.
Arthur Little,	'63, Mar. 16.	'89, Sept. 18.	Dorchester.	P. C.
Achilles L. Loder,	'77, May 8.	'91, Nov. 5.	Hyde Park.	P.
Samuel L. Loomis,	'80, Oct. 14.	'97, Sept. 29.	Newton.	P. C.
Charles D. Lothrop,	'54, Dec. 14.	'93, Mar. 15.	Dorchester.	W. C.
Ellis Mendell,	'79, June 4.	'80, May 12.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Frank W. Merrick,	'91, Oct. 12.	'91, Nov. 5.	W. Roxbury.	P. C.
Charles L. Morgan,	'76, Mar. 15.	'95, Jan. 16.	Jamaica Plain.	P. C.
Cyrus P. Osborne,	'65, Nov. 2.	'00, Jan. 24.	Jamaica Plain.	Sect.
Charles A. Perry,	'82, Nov. 16.	'96, Jan. 15.	Falmouth.	W. C.
Albert H. Plumb,	'58, Nov. 10.	'85, Jan. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Winfred C. Rhoades,	'99, May 17.	'00, Mar. 14.	Roxbury.	P. C.
Joseph B. Seabury,	'75, Sept. 8.	'85, May 13.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
Charles B. Smith,	'48, Nov. 12.	'79, July 9.	West Medford.	W. C.
Judson Smith,	'66, Oct. 17.	'85, Mar. 11.	Roxbury.	A. B. C. F. M.
George F. Stanton,	'66, June 6.	'90, Jan. 15.	Boston.	W. C.
Herbert W. Stebbins,	'83, Aug. 28.	'97, Sept. 29.	*Europe.*	W. C.
A. C. Thompson,	'42, July 27.	'42, Nov. 1.	Roxbury.	P. C.
James S. Voorhees,	'84, July 9.	'00, Mar. 14.	Roslindale.	P. C.

19. Suffolk South (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Eugene C. Webster,	'90, May 28.	'94, Sept. 19.	Neponset.	W. C.
Charles F. Weeden,	'88, April 4.	'96, Jan. 15.	Norwood.	P. C.
John H. Whitaker,	'93, Dec. 19.	'98, May 11.	Atlantic.	P.
Cyrus L. D. Younkin,	'93, April 8.	'92, Mar. 9.	Boston.	M.

Licentiates. — Arthur P. Pratt; Samuel A. Brown; Benjamin T. Marshall.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, September, and November.

Rev. George H. Flint, Boston, scribe and treasurer.

20. Suffolk West, Organized January 8, 1867.

James L. Barton,	'85, June 29.	'97, Feb. 8.	Newton Cen.	A.B.C.F.M.
William E. Barton,	'85, June 6.	'93, June 12.	*Oak Park, Ill.*	P. C.
Adolph A. Berle,	'87, Sept. 14.	'91, Dec. 14.	Brighton.	P. C.
Erastus Blakeslee,	'80, Feb. 17.	'94, Feb. 12.	Brookline.	W. C.
Ezra H. Byington,	'59, Feb. 23.	'91, Feb. 9.	Newton.	W. C.
George H. Cate,	'79, April 2.	'94, June 11.	Boston.	Sect.
Edward L. Clark,	'61, Aug. 8.	'93, April 11.	Boston.	P. C.
William H. Cobb,	'72, April 18.	'88, June 11.	Newton Cen.	Cong. Lib.
Calvin Cutler,	'62, Mar. 12.	'68, Feb. 4	Auburndale.	P. C. Em.
Charles H. Daniels,	'73, Nov. 20.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton.	Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Ozora S. Davis,	'96, Sept. 14.	'00, June 11.	Newtonville.	P. C.
William H. Davis,	'77, July 5.	'96, Oct. 12.	Newton.	P. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	'69, Feb. 8	'87, Oct. 11.	Auburndale,	Sec. N.D.R.L.
Parris T. Farwell,	'83, Oct. 23.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills.	P. C.
Bradford M. Fullerton,	'68, Feb. 12.	'81, Dec. 18.	Brockton.	W. C.
George P. Gilman,	'72, Aug. 28.	'85, Oct. 6.	Waverley.	P.
George A. Gordon,	'77, Jan. 20.	'86, April 20.	Boston.	P. C.
Daniel Green,	'79, Dec. 18.	'94, Feb. 12.	*Stratham, N. H.*	P.
William E. Griffis,	'77, May 31.	'86, Dec. 14.	*Ithaca, N. Y.*	P. C.
John O. Haarvig,	'83, Oct. 13.	'95, Dec. 9.	Allston.	P. C.
Harris G. Hale,	'91, Sept. 3.	'97, April 12.	Brookline.	P. C.
Charles E. Harrington,	'74, Oct. 27.	'95, Dec. 9.	Waltham.	P. C.
Ralph J. Haughton,	'91, Nov. 24.	'99, Oct. 9.	Needham.	P.
Charles E. Havens,	'81, Sept. 15.	'94, April 9.	Newton Highlands.	P. C.
George A. Hood,	'69, Sept. 30.	'96, Feb. 10.	Boston.	Sec. C. C. B. S.
Edwin Leonard,	'52, Mar. 25.	'93, Dec. 11.	Melrose Highlands.	W. C.
Oscar Lindegren,	'93, Dec. 7	'00, June 11.	East Boston.	Miss.
George A. Matthews,	'95, April 3.	'98, Dec. 19.	Auburndale.	W. C.
Darius A. Morehouse,	'65, June 18.	'90, Dec. 3.	Newton Center.	W. C.
Edward M. Noyes,	'83, Sept. 26.	'95, Feb. 25.	Newton Center.	P. C.
Henry E. Oxnard,	'94, Nov. 13.	'00, Feb. 13.	Newton.	P.
Henry J. Patrick,	'54, Nov. 16.	'67, Jan. 8.	Newtonville.	P. C. Em.
George G. Phipps,	'68, Jan. 23.	'78, Dec. 10.	Newton Highlands.	W. C.
Edward C. Porter,	'84, June 24.	'90, Feb. 10.	Watertown.	P. C.
Theodore P. Prudden,	'74, Dec. 22.	'94, Dec. 10.	W. Newton.	P. C.

20. Suffolk West (*Continued*).

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Isaac O. Rankin,	'80, July 21.	'96, June 8.	*Peekskill, N. Y.*	W. C.
Oliver D. Sewall,	'92, Sept. 27.	'97, Oct. 11.	Brookline.	Assist. P.
William S. Smith,	'54, April 27.	'74, Dec. 8.	Worcester.	W. C.
Charles M. Southgate,	'70, Dec. 15.	'96, Feb. 10.	Auburndale.	P. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	'74, Jan. 30.	'96, Dec. 14.	Newton.	W. C.
E. Ellsworth Strong,	'59, April 10.	'67, April 8.	Auburndale.	Editor.
Reuen Thomas,	'58, Dec. 7.	'76, Feb. 8.	Brookline.	P. C.
Alexander S. Twombly,	'59, Feb. 10.	'93, April 11.	Newton.	W. C.
Avery S. Walker,	'57, June 15.	'95, Dec. 9.	Wellesley Hills.	W. C.
Edwin B. Webb,	'50, Sept. 11.	'67, Jan. 8.	Wellesley.	P. Em.
Elbridge C. Whiting,	'91, Sept. 30.	'00, June 11.	Belmont.	P.

Licentiates. — Arthur W. Kelly, Auburndale, renewed, 1897; Edward P. Kelly, Auburndale, renewed, 1899.

Stated Meetings. — Second Mondays of February, April, June, October, and December.

Rev. Ezra H. Byington, Newton, scribe.

21. Taunton, Organized November 21, 1826.

Wm. W. Adams,	'60, Jan. 26.	'64, Nov. 29.	Fall River.	P. C.
James A. Anderson,	'89, Oct. 10.	'00, Jan. 17.	Somerset.	P.
Franklin K. Beem,	'95, July 18.	'95, Nov. 13.		W. C.
Samuel V. Cole,	'89, Oct. 29.	'89, Nov. 13.	Norton.	Pres. Sem.
S. Hopkins Emery,	'37, Nov. 23.	'75, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	W. C.
James E. Enman,	'95, Dec. 31,	'00, Jan. 17.	Fall River.	P. C.
Francis A. Fate,	'94, Nov. 1.	'98, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
Wilson S. Fritch,	'93, April 26.	'00, Jan. 17.	Attleboro.	P. C.
Charles E. Harris, Jr.,	'94, Oct. 9.	'98, Nov. 9.	Norton.	P.
Elwin L. House,	'88, April 22.	'94, May 8.	*Providence, R. I.*	P.
William Knight,	'86, Sept. 4.	'98, Nov. 9.	Fall River.	P. C.
Dorrall Lee,	'74, Sept. 16.	'99, Nov. 8.	North Dighton.	P.
Halah H. Loud,	'97, Dec. 16.	'98, Jan. 12.	E. Taunton.	P.
Frank L. Luce,	'95, Nov. 6.	'98, May 11.	Taunton.	P. C.
Payson W. Lyman,	'71, May 10.	'89, May 8.	Fall River.	P. C.
Henry G. Megathlin,	'96, Dec. 19.	'97, Jan. 13.	Boston.	W. C.
Sidney K. B. Perkins,	'60, Jan. 11.	'88, Jan. 11.	Raynham.	W. C.
Edward N. Pomeroy,	'68, Nov. 11.	'82, May 10.	Wellesley.	W. C.
Charles A. Ratcliffe,	'91, April.	'97, Mar. 10.	N. Attleboro.	P.
Samuel P. Rondeau,	'92, Nov. 22.	'98, Mar. 9.	Fall River.	P.
William F. Warren,	'78, Oct. 13.	'98, Nov. 9.	Freetown.	P.
Charles B. Wathen,	'83, June 14.	'98, Mar. 9.	Rehoboth.	P.
T. Clayton Welles,	'72, Oct. 25.	'92, Nov. 9.	Taunton.	P. C.
John Whitehill,	'61, Dec. 11.	'69, Nov. 10.	Oldtown.	P.

Stated Meetings. — Second Wednesdays in January, March, May, and November.

Rev. Payson W. Lyman, Fall River, scribe and treasurer.

22. Woburn, Organized September, 1833.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles Anderson,	'74, Sept. 2.	'74, Sept. 15.	*Constantinople.*	Robt. C.
A. Herbert Armes,	'89, Dec. 18.	'99, Oct. 31.	Carlisle.	P.
William F. Bacon,	'67, Sept. 26.	'90, Feb. 4.	Medford.	W. C.
John Barstow,	'87, June 29.	'95, Feb. 19.	Medford.	P. C.
William J. Batt,	'59, Sept. 29.	'59, Nov. 15.	Concord Junc.	Chaplain.
Charles E. Beals,	'94, April 8.	'98, Nov. 1.	Stoneham.	P. C.
Theodore P. Berle,	'93, Oct. 3.	'93, Oct. 17.	Cambridge.	W. C.
Charles R. Bliss,	'59, April 28.	'62, Nov. 18.	Wakefield.	W. C.
Wolcott Calkins,	'62, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	Newton.	P.
Charles F. Carter,	'83, Sept. 13.	'97, Feb. 17.	Lexington.	P. C.
Judson Van Clancy,	'87, Sept. 7.	'96, Mar. 17.	W. Medford.	P. C.
Joshua Coit,	'60, Nov. 13.	'89, Jan. 29.	Winchester.	H. M. Sec.
Eugene E. Colburn,	'75, Sept. 18.	'98, Nov. 15.	No. Reading.	P.
Marshall M. Cutter,	'68, Dec. 29.	'74, Nov. 17.	Boston.	W. C.
Albert P. Davis,	'94, Nov. 22.	'95, Feb. 19.	Wakefield.	P. C.
Walter A. Evans,	'86, June 29.	'95, Dec. 17.	*Fenton, Mich.*	W. C.
James L. Fowle,	'78, July 3.	'98, Nov. 15.	*Turkey.*	F. M.
Henry H. French,	'86, April 25.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden.	P. C.
Henry H. Hamilton,	'72, Sept. 1.	'98, Nov. 15.	Lexington.	W. C.
Cyrus Hamlin,	'38, Oct. 3.	'91, Dec. 15.	Lexington.	W. C.
Elijah Harmon,	'67, Oct. 17.	'86, Mar. 16.	S. Braintree.	W. C.
Robert W. Haskins,	'72, Oct. 19.	'98, Nov. 8.	Reading.	W. C.
Henry A. Hazen,	'58, Feb. 17.	'74, Sept. 15.	Auburndale.	Sec. N. C.
James L. Hill,	'75, Sept. 15.	'87, June 13.	Salem.	W. C.
Frank S. Hunnewell,	'88, June 27.	'99, Feb. 21.	Reading.	P. C.
Burke F. Leavitt,	'73, May 7.	'95, Jan. 29.	Melrose Highlands.	P. C.
Elihu Loomis,	'51, Oct. 22.	'98, Nov. 15.	Bedford.	W. C.
George E. Lovejoy,	'73, July 16.	'94, May 9.	*Pittsfield, N. H.*	P. C.
Thomas MacBriar,	'90, Jan. 15.	'98, Nov. 15.	Melrose.	W. C.
Daniel March,	'45, April 25.	'77, May 15.	Woburn.	P. C. Em.
Truman A. Merrill,	'58, July 14.	'98, Nov. 5.	Malden.	W. C.
Robert D. Miller,	'56, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Malden.	W. C.
D. Augustine Newton,	'82, Sept. 21.	'85, Dec. 16.	Winchester.	P. C.
Isaac Pierson,	'70, Mar. 30.	'96, Oct. 8.	S. Medford.	P.
Doremus Scudder,	'85, June 17.	'95, Dec. 17.	Woburn.	P. C.
Thomas Sims,	'75, June 9.	'98, Nov. 1.	Melrose.	P.
Edwin Smith,	'65, Jan. 11.	'88, May 1.	Ballardvale.	P.
George H. Tilton,	'73, June 4.	'98, Nov. 15.	No. Woburn.	P.
Peter Vincentius,	'88, Aug. 19.	'89, Jan. 29.	East Boston.	P.
Joshua W. Wellman,	'51, June 18.	'74, Mar. 17.	Malden.	W. C.
William H. Willcox,	'50, Mar. 5.	'58, Jan. 19.	Malden.	W. C.
J. Christopher Williams,	'90, Feb. 23.	'99, Feb. 21.	Linden.	P.

Licentiate. — Albert V. Fisher.

Stated Meetings. — Third Tuesdays in February, April, September, and November.

Rev. Albert P. Davis, Wakefield, scribe and treasurer.

23. Worcester Central, Organized November 4, 1823.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
August L. Anderson,	'86, June 28.	'98, Feb. 8.	Worcester.	P.
Thomas E. Babb,	'69, Jan. 19.	'94, April 3.	Holden.	P. C.
Orange C. Bailey,	'85, Oct. 13.	'94, Nov. 13.	Worcester.	P. C.
Albert E. Bradstreet,	'88, Aug. 30.	'95, Nov. 12.	*Lemon Grove, Cal.*	P.
Sherman W. Brown,	'93, June 6.	'96, Nov. 10.	Spencer.	P. C.
Albert Bryant,	'65, Sept 20.	'86, Feb. 2.	Scituate Center.	P.
Edward M. Chapman,	'90, Sept. 9.	'93, Nov. 14.	*St. Johnsbury, Vt.*	P. C.
Arcturus Z. Conrad,	'85, June 2.	'90, Feb. 3.	Worcester.	P. C.
Amos H. Coolidge,	'57, April 21.	'67, July 7.	Worcester.	W. C.
Samuel B. Cooper,	'87, June 19.	'99, Feb. 7.	Boylston.	P.
Sidney Crawford,	'70, Dec. 8.	'93, Nov. 14.	Provincetown.	P.
Joseph W. Cross,	'34, Oct. 1.	'41, Jan. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
William N. T. Dean,	'75, Feb. 3.	'89, Feb. 5.	Whately.	P.
Austin Dodge,	'66, Oct. 6.	'90, Feb. 4.	Burlington.	P.
George S. Dodge,	'72, Aug. 16.	'78, May 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
John E. Dodge,	'83, Sept. 25.	'84, Feb. 5.	Worcester.	P.
Henry C. Fay,	'58, Dec. 28.	'81, May 2.	Somerville.	W. C.
Walcott Fay,	'84, Feb. 20.	'90, Feb. 4.	Nantucket.	P.
Samuel A. Harlow,	'82, Oct. 15.	'96, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P.
John E. Hurlbut,	'75, Mar. 24.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
William W. Jordan,	'84, Oct. 9.	'94, Nov. 13.	Clinton.	P. C.
Edward A. Lathrop,	'95, Nov. 26.	'97, April 6.	Shrewsbury.	P.
Alexander Lewis,	'90, May 28.	'96, April 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
Joseph F. Lovering,	'60, June 17.	'88, April 3.		W. C.
Archibald McCullagh,	'71, May 2.	'91, April 27.	Worcester.	P. C.
Henry F. Markham,	'80, Sept.	'95, Nov. 12.	*Portis, Kan.*	W. C.
John H. Matthews,	'91, May 5.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P.
Daniel Merriman,	'68, Sept. 30.	'78, Nov. 12.	Worcester.	W. C.
Eldridge Mix,	'60, Dec. 6.	'94, April 3.	Worcester.	C. M.
Ellsworth W. Phillips,	'91, Oct. 19.	'92, Feb. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles M. Pierce,	'63, Sept. 2.	'91, Feb 3.	Auburn.	P. C.
George H. Pratt,	'60, Oct. 11.	'94, Nov. 13.	Charlemont.	P.
David C. Reid,	'84, July 29.	'96, April 7.	Leicester.	P. C.
Casper F. Scherff,	'76, April 9.	'90.	Clinton.	P.
Willard Scott,	'79, Oct. 29.	'99, Feb. 7.	Worcester.	P. C.
William T. Sleeper,	'54, June 29.	'54, Sept. 5.	Worcester.	W. C.
Rufus M. Taft,	'93, June 16.	'94, Feb. 6.	Worcester.	Evan.
Albert G. Todd,	'90, June 10.	'97, Feb. 15.	Worcester.	P.
John E. Tuttle,	'83, May 22.	'97, Nov. 9.	Worcester.	P. C.
John Udd,	'96, July 2.	'98, Nov. 15.	Worcester.	P. C.
Charles A. White,	'73, Sept. 3.	'96, Nov. 10.	Princeton.	P.
Inman L. Willcox,	'89, Oct. 18.	'90, Feb. 4.	Worcester.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — First Tuesdays in February and April, and second Tuesday in November.

Rev. E. A. Lathrop, Shrewsbury, scribe.

24. Worcester North, Organized June 18, 1818.

Members.	Date of Ordination.	Date of Membership.	Residence.	Employment.
James A. Bates,	'60, Sept. 19.	'99, April 25.	S. Royalston.	P.
Rolla G. Bugbee,	'76, Nov. 8.	'98, Jan. 25.	Athol.	P.
Joseph S. Cogswell,	'68, Nov. 14.	'94, Jan. 23.	Ashburnham.	W. C.
Preston R. Crowell,	'90, Sept. 4.	'98, July 12.	Phillipston.	P.
Francis J. Fairbanks,	'64, Aug. 31.	'95, July 9.	Royalston.	P.
Robert J. Floody,	'87, Sept. 7.	'98, April 26.	Boston.	W. C.
Davis Foster,	'55, Nov. 1.	'69, Nov. 27.	Winchendon.	P. C.
John H. Garman,	'47, Nov. 3.	'66, Oct. 2.	North Orange.	W. C.
Burton S. Gilman,	'97, May 16.	'97, April 26.	Gardner.	P. C.
Edwin S. Gould,	'73, Oct. 1.	'94, Jan. 23.	*Providence, R. I.*	W. C.
John W. Hird,	'79, Mar. 19.	'91, April 28.	Baldwinville.	P.
Milan H. Hitchcock,	'57, Aug. 25.	'63, April 28.	Hubbardston.	P.
Albert V. House,	'94, June 20.	'95, April 23.	New Salem.	P.
Gustavus W. Jones,	'69, May 27.	'91, April 28.	Winchendon.	P.
Gabriel B. Kambour,	'93, April 5.	'93, April 25.	Templeton.	P. C.
Francis B. Knowlton,	'65, Aug. 29.	'86, Jan. 26.	Athol.	W. C.
John W. Lees,	'70, Nov. 16.	'96, April 28.	Westminster.	P.
George J. Pierce,	'72, Aug. 8.	'82, April 25.	Phillipston.	W. C.

Licentiate. — Aubrey C. Gilmore.

Stated Meetings. — Fourth Tuesdays in January, April, and October, and second Tuesday in July.

Rev. Francis B. Knowlton, Athol, scribe.

25. Worcester South, Organized in 1818.

Frederic A. Balcom,	'82, Jan. 9.	'95, Sept. 17.	*Saylesville, R. I.*	P.
Ernest M. Bartlett,	'97, Oct. 19.	'98, June 14.	Northbridge.	P. C.
William A. Benedict,	'49, June 27.	'76, Oct. 10.	Newton Center.	W. C.
Henry A. Blake,	'76, Sept. 13.	'89, Oct. 8.	Webster.	W. C.
Frank L. Bristol,	'75, Oct. 25.	'88, Oct. 9.	Uxbridge.	P.
James H. Childs,	'75, Oct. 7.	'85, Jan. 13.	Northbridge.	P.
David M. Didriksen,	'92, July 13.	'92, Oct. 11.	Millville.	W. C.
George P. Eastman,	'91, May 12.	'92, Jan. 12.	Millbury.	P. C.
John C. Hall,	'90, May 20.	'92, Jan. 12.	Sutton.	P. C.
David Howie,	'89, Feb. 27.	'94, Oct. 9.	Saundersville.	P.
Aaron B. Peffers,	'55, May 29.	'93, April 11.	Stoneham.	W. C.
Charles P. Pierce,	'98, Nov. 15.	'98, June 14.	E. Douglas.	P.
George A. Putnam,	'60, Nov. 14.	'71, Oct. 17.	Millbury.	P. C.
Benjamin A. Robie,	'66, Mar. 22.	'84, Oct. 14.	Grafton.	P.
Walter H. Rollins,	'98, Aug. 26,	'99, Mar. 14.	Blackstone.	P.
John R. Thurston,	'59, Jan. 20.	'72, Jan. 9.	Whitinsville.	P. C.
Alexander Wiswall,	'79, Sept. 24.	'94, Jan. 9.	Upton.	P. C.

Stated Meetings. — Second Tuesdays in March, June, September, and December.

Rev. James H. Childs, Northbridge, scribe.

FIFTH-YEAR STATISTICS.

CITY OR TOWN.	VALUE OF CHURCH.	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE.	INVESTED FUNDS.	INDEBTEDNESS	SALARY.
Abington,	$11,500	'48	$3,000	$1,000	$1,000	$900
" North,	5,000	'39	0	0	0	780
Acton,	6,000	'46	2,000	9,000	0	800
" South,	8,100	'92	0	0	0	900
Adams,	75,000	'67	6,000	0	7,000	2,000
Agawam, F'd'g Hills,	3,000	'34	2,000	8,000	0	700
"	4,000	'30	2,500	8,700	1,100	800
Amesbury, Main st.,	15,000	'32	4,500	0	3,250	2,000
" Union,	9,000	'35	2,000	7,500	0	1,000
Amherst, 1st,	50,000	'68	5,500	0	0	2,000
" 2d,	7,500	'39	2,500	4,000	200	800
" College,	0		0	0	0	0
" North,	7,000	'26	3,000	4,000	350	1,000
" South,	10,000	'25	1,200	500	0	650
Andover, South,	25,000	'60	0	20,000	400	2,000
" West,	9,000	'26	1,750	1,300	900	1,000
Andover, Free,	15,000	'49	3,300	5,200	0	1,400
" Ballardvale,	3,000	'75	2,500	0	0	700
" Seminary,						
Arlington,	20,000	'44	6,000	1,500	1,500	2,000
" Heights,	10,000	'84	0	0	3,300	1,000
Ashburnham, 1st,	15,000	'34	0	1,000	0	920
" North,						
Ashby,	6,000	'35	3,000	4,500	0	850
Ashfield,	5,000	'55	1,800	800	200	900
Ashland,	10,000	'35	0	0	0	800
Athol,	6,000	'33	2,000	0	0	1,350
Attleboro,	23,500	'25	5,000	0	0	1,600
Auburn,	13,300	'97	2,500	0	0	700
Ayer,	8,000	'67	2,200	500	984	950
Barnstable, West,	4,000	1717	1,200	0	0	600
" Centerville,	3,500	'48	0	0	0	700
Barnstable, Hyannis,	3,000		0	0	100	1600
Barre,	10,000	'27	0	6,125	0	1,125
Becket, Centre,	2,000	'50	0	5,000	0	1300
" North,	3,000	'50	0	0	0	500
Bedford,	7,500	'32	2,500	0	1,200	800
Belchertown,	10,100	1789	0	0	0	900
Belmont, Waverly,	$8,000	'70	$2,700	$ 0	$2,400	$1,300
" Plymouth,	0		0	0	0	1,200
Berkley,	4,000	'48	2,000	4,000	300	650
Berlin,	4,800	'26	0	7,700	0	800
Bernardston,	3,500	'46	1,500	1,900	0	700
Beverly, North,	8,000	1715	0	1,400	600	624
" Dane st.,	45,000	'33	0	0	0	
" Washington st.,	30,000	'37	6,000	4,000	1,800	1,300
Billerica,	7,000	'29	0	11,000	400	1,000
Blackstone,	4,000	'08	1,000	0	0	800
" Millville,	2,500	'93	0	0	0	360
Blandford, 1st,	11.500	'20	3,500	7,500	0	900
" North,	5,000	'93	0	0	150	260
Boston, Charlestown,	34,000	'34	0	10,700	0	1,200
" Old South,	500,000	'75	25,000			
" 2d, Dorchester,	50,000	'06	12,000	4,182	0	4,000
" Park street,	500,000	'10	0	0		
" Union,	210,000	'73	0	12,000	0	3,600
" Phillips, South,	75,000	'59	0	0	0	3,000
" Berkeley Temple,	100,000	'60	0	0	0	4,000
" Brighton,	30,000	'68	10,500	21,000	0	3,000
" Village, Dorches'r,	15,000	'29	0	0	0	1,800
" Winthrop, Char'n,	63,000	'48	0	0	1,500	2,500
" Eliot, Roxbury,	40,000	'35	0	0	0	1,600
" Central,	313,000	'64	0	0	0	
" West Roxbury,	40,000	'91	0	0	7,000	2,300
" Maverick, East,	50,000	'74	6,500	0	6,900	1,800
" Mt. Vernon,	200,000	'92	0	5,000	10,000	5,000
" Shawmut,	80,000	'62	0	0	0	3,500
" Jamaica Plain,	31,400	'72	0	0	0	3,200
" Immanuel, Rox'y,	52,600	'76	0	0	4,000	3,500
" Neponset,	8,000	'59	0	0	0	1,200
" Pilgrim, Dor'ter,	85,175	'93	0	0	23,000	3,500
" Highland, Rox'y,	20,000	'70	0	0	0	2,500
" Walnut av., Rox'y,	110,000	'89	0	5,700	5,000	4,000
" Olivet,	13,000	'67	0	0	5,000	700
" Boylston, J. Plain,	30,000	'85	0	0	0	2,400
" *Swedish*,						

CITY OR TOWN.	VALUE OF CHURCH.	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE.	INVESTED FUNDS.	INDEBTEDNESS.	SALARY.
Boston, *Norwegian*,						
" Allston,	50,000	'91	5,000	25,000	0	2,000
" Harvard, Dor'ter,	15,000	'89	0	0	6,000	1,800
" Central, "	13,000		0	5,500	0	1,900
" Seamen's,	72,500		0	0	0	0
" Roslindale,	29,000	'94	0	0	14,000	1,800
" St. Mark's,	0		0	0	0	425
" Baker, E. Boston,	0					
Boxboro, West Acton,	2,000	'34	1,500	500	0	600
Boxford,	5,000	'38	1,700	11,500	0	900
" West,	5,000	'44	3,000	25,000	0	800
Boylston, Center,	5,000	'36	1,500	0	0	1,000
Braintree, 1st,	25,000	'57	3,000	2,500	0	1,700
" South,	16,000	'63	0	0	0	1,500
Bridgewater,	15,000	'62	0	2,680	0	1,500
" Scotland,	3,000	'23	750	1,635	0	500
Brimfield,	9,000	'47	2,500	14,900	140	800
Brockton, 1st,	160,000	'97	0	0	0	2,500
" South, Campello,	50,000	'54	9,000	0	0	3,000
" Porter,	50,000	'50	0	14,900	2,000	3,500
" *Swedish*, Campello,	15,000	'88	0	0	4,500	1,320
" Waldo,	4,000	'94	0	0	0	1,200
" Wendell Ave.,	3,400	'93	0	0	0	
" Lincoln,	0		0	240	0	540
Brookfield,	15,000	'57	2,300	400	0	1,000
Brookline, Harvard,	200,000	'71				
" Leyden,	45,000	'99	0	0	20,000	2,200
Buckland,	2,000	1794	1,800	2,000	0	850
Burlington,	7,000	'70	2,500	3,500	3,000	800
Cambridge 1st,	150,000	'72	0	0	0	0
" Prospect street,	35,000	'51	0	1,000	0	3,000
" North avenue,	40,000	'66	0	0	3,500	3,000
" Pilgrim,	32,000	'84	0	0	0	3,000
" Wood Memorial,	30,000	'84	0	0	200	1,600
" Hope,	11,000		0	0	0	1,200
Canton,	8,500	'60	0	6,465	0	1,000
Carlisle,	3,000	'31	2,500	12,000	300	800
Carver, North,	3,000	'58	0	400	0	†400
Charlemont, 1st,	2,000	'46	1,000	1,200	0	700
" East,	1,500	'47	700	2,000	0	550
Charlton,	4,500	'26	2,000	2,925	0	600
Chatham,	4,000	'66	1,300	0	0	650
Chelmsford, North,	10,500	'93	2,500	2,859	500	800
Central,	10,000	'88	0	0	0	1,000
Chelsea, 1st,	30,000	'51	6,600	8,000	0	2,500
" Central,	75,000	'70	0	0	0	4,000
" 3d,	10,000	'78	0	1,128	0	1,300
Chester, 1st,	2,000	'40	500	1,550	0	500
" 2d.	3,500	'45	3,000	0	0	750
Chesterfield,	3,000	'35	2,000	600	0	600
Chicopee, 1st,	5,000	'26	1,500	6,500	0	900
" 2d, Falls,	10,000	'33	6,000	5,000	0	1,800
" 3d,	20,000	'68				
Clinton,	50,000	'99	6,000	0	16,500	1,800
" *German*,	5,000	'88	0	0	1,600	312
Cohasset,	13,000	'24	6,000	1,570	0	1,200
" Beechwood,	4,000	'66	1,000	1,000	0	600
Coleraine,	4,000	'35	2,000	0	0	600
Concord,	30,000	'26	6 000	0	12,100	1,800
Conway,	14,000	'85	4,000	0	0	1,200
Cummington,	4,000	'39	3,000	5,000	225	600
" West,	2,000	'39	0	0	0	300
Dalton,	45,000	'88	5,000	0	0	1,800
Dana,	2,000	'54	0	0	0	†260
Danvers, Center,	13,000	'92	2,200	1,000	300	1,000
" Maple st.,	25,000	'51	5,000	2,000	865	1,500
Dartmouth, South,	7,000	'17	3,500	4,000	1,450	†600
Dedham,	22,500	'20	6,000	3,114	0	2,000
Deerfield, South,	9,000	'21	1,750	0	1,750	750
"	3,800	'38	2,000	1,250	377	700
Dennis, South,	3,000	'36	1,500	500	0	600
" Union,	3,000		0	0	0	625
Dighton, North,	3,500	'26	2,000	5,980	0	900
Douglas,	2,000	'34	1,500	500	0	260
" East,	8,000	'34	0	1,000	0	700
Dover,	1,700	'39	1,200	2,604	0	550
Dracut, 1st,	7,000	'34	0	4,672	0	720
" Central,	30,000	1794	0	2,300	0	1,000
Dudley,	25,000	'91	1,600	0	0	700
Dunstable,	5,000		1,500	5,400	0	600

CITY OR TOWN.	VALUE OF CHURCH.	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE.	INVESTED FUNDS.	INDEBTEDNESS.	SALARY.
Duxbury,	5,000	'44	1,200	1,000	150	
East Bridgewater,	8,000	'44	4,000	0	0	
Easthampton, 1st,	25,000	'36	4,000	700	0	1,300
" Payson,	26,250	'52	5,150	0	466	2,000
East Longmeadow,	6,000	'29	2,800	3,570	0	600
Easton, Center,	14,500	'84	3,000	0	0	1,000
" *Swedish*, North,	4,000	'99	0	0	1,350	600
Edgartown,	5,000	'28	0	1,100	0	850
Egremont, South,	6,000	'32	1,800	0	400	600
Enfield,	16,000	1787	1,700	5,000	0	1,200
Erving,	2,000	'42	0	0	0	700
Essex,	10,000	1792	3,000	1,200	0	
Everett, 1st,	25,000	'52	0	0	4,000	1,800
" Courtland st.,	1,800		0	0	800	
" Mystic side,	20,000	'93	0	0	7,125	1,000
Fairhaven,	5,000	'44	0	0	0	900
Fall River, 1st,	45,000	'32	16,359	0	0	2,500
" Central,	175,000	'74	0	0	0	3,600
" Fowler,	8,000	'68	4,000	0	0	1,200
" *French*,	4,000	'87	0	0	0	820
" Broadway,	3,000	'92	0	0	0	1,000
Falmouth, 1st,	9,000	1750	2,200	10,000	250	†1,000
" East,	2,000	1797	1,200	0	0	†400
" North,	2,000	'33	1,000	2,500	0	600
" Waquoit,	1,500	'47	0	0	0	†300
" Woods Holl,	3,500	'90	0	2,500	0	500
Fitchburg, Calvinist,	105,000	'96	0	0	0	2,000
" Rollstone,	60,000	'68	2,500	0	3,500	2,000
" *German*,	4,000	'92	0	0	1,000	750
" *Swedish*,	14,534	'95	0	0	2,200	840
Foxboro',	16,500	'54	3,500	5,620	150	1,250
Framingham,	20,000	'30	0	2,000	0	1,750
" Saxonville,	5,900	'27	0	0	0	1,200
" South,	40,000	'84	5,000	0	4,675	2,500
Franklin, 1st,	32,000	'95	4,000	0	0	1,800
Freetown,	2,500	'07	0	1,050	50	700
Gardner,	56,000	'78	0	0	0	2,300
Georgetown, 1st,	20,000	'74	0	7,000	3,000	1,000
" Memorial,	30,000	'68	3,000	8,450	45	1,000
Gill,	2,000	1797	1,000	1,334	0	500
Gloucester, West,	4,000	'34	1,000	550	0	600
" Trinity,	25,000	'55	4,500	12,000	2,000	2,000
" Lanesville,	9,000	'65	0	0	0	750
" Magnolia,	5,000	'95	0	0	1,140	780
Goshen,	5,000	1782	1,500	3,000	100	600
Grafton,	13,000	'33	4,000	1,200	1,000	1,000
" Saundersville,	13,000	'95	0	0	0	1,050
Granby,	6,000	'21	1,500	1,500	0	900
Granville, East,	2,000	'02	450	7,000	200	600
" West,	2,000	1782	700	2,000	0	375
Great Barrington,	50,000	'82	15,000	0	200	1,800
" Housatonic,	18,000	'92	2,000	200	0	1,000
Greenfield, 1st,	5,000	'31	1,500	1,500	0	650
" 2d,	60,000	'68	5,000	215	0	2,250
Greenwich,	4,000	'24	600	1,200	0	700
Groton,	7,800	'26	2,800	5,500	0	1,400
" West,	0		0	0	0	300
Groveland,	4,000	1790	1,600	800	750	
Hadley, 1st,	7,000	1800	1,750	0	0	800
" 2d, North,	4,200	'34	2,500	210	275	600
Halifax,	0		0	1,400	0	600
Hamilton,	8,000	'43	4,400	3,200	0	800
Hampden,	4,000	1785	1,500	5,545	0	600
Hanover, West,	4,000	'64	2,500	3,800	250	600
" Four Corners,	5,000	'54	0	0	130	750
Hanson,	5,000	'36	800	4,950	100	†500
Hardwick,	5,000	'65	0	5,000	0	800
" Gilbertville,	40,000	'47	3,500	0	0	1,000
Harvard,	8,000	'21	2,000	8,000	0	800
Harwich,	5,500	'55	3,000	0	0	800
" Port,	5,800	'55	700	2,000	0	800
Hatfield,	14,000	'49	1,500	0	0	1,000
Haverhill, Bradford,	25,000	'47	6,000	0	0	
" West,	9,000	'28	1,600	11,800	0	900
" 4th,	3,500		2,000	800	0	500
" Center,	25,000	'34	0	0	0	2,200
Haverhill, North,	35,000	'59	8,000	0	4,500	3,000
" Riverside,	12,000	'92	0	0	3,500	400
" Union,	10,000	'92	0	0	4,200	1,200
" St. John's, *French*,	3,800	'92	0	0	250	

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Haverhill, Ward Hill,	6,000	'92	2,000	0	1,200	900
Hawley,	2,000	'48	700	0	0	600
" West,	2,000	'47	0	2,937	0	500
Hingham,	6,000	'49	0	1,600	0	800
" Bethany, N'nt'sk't,	0		0	0	0	520
Hinsdale,	10,000	1798	3,000	0	0	1,100
Holbrook,	30,000	'78	3,500	0	840	1,200
Holden,	10,000	1787	1,900	2,500	922	1,000
Holland,	2,500	'59	600	0	0	500
Holliston,	17,000	'22	4,100	4,900	0	1,300
Holyoke, 1st,	54,000	'93	0	0	23,000	2,250
" 2d,	103,967	'83	6,500	0	0	4,000
" *French*,	0		0	0	0	1,000
Hopkinton,	25,000	'82	3,500	0	286	1,000
Hubbardston,	4,000	'27	0	5,758	0	500
Hudson,	0		0	0	0	1,000
Huntington, 1st, Nor.,	2,000	'41	500	300	0	600
" 2d,	8,500	'63	0	2,000	300	800
Hyde Park,	40,000	'68	6,000	12,500	7,000	2,500
" Clarendon Hills,	5,000	'76	0	0	365	600
Ipswich, 1st,	12,000	'46	3,000	0	0	
" South,						
" Linebrook,	2,500	'48	0	9,300	0	450
Kingston,	6,000	'29	5,000	15,000	0	800
Lakeville,	4,000	'35	1,000	8,100	100	520
Lancaster,	8,000	'40	0	1,400	0	1,000
Lanesboro',						
Lawrence, Law. st.,	25,000	'48	5,000	1,250	4,900	2,000
" South,	24,000	'97	0	0	9,500	1,200
" Riverside,	2,000	'78	0	0	0	900
" Trinity,	50,000	'60	0	0	0	2,500
" United,	17,000	'98	0	0	4,800	1,200
Lee,	25,000	'57	5,000	0	0	2,000
Leicester,	25,000	'67	3,000	1,500	0	1,600
Lenox,	8,000	'05	6,000	0	3,225	1,000
Leominster,	55,000	'72	0	0	0	1,800
" North,	14,689	'79	3,500	12,000	2,400	800
Leverett,	3,500	'58	2,000	400	0	650
" Moore's Cor.,	3,500	'98	0	0	0	500
Lexington,	45,000	'93	0	0	0	2,000
Lincoln,	30,000	'91	4,500	2,500	0	1,000
Littleton,	3,000	'40	2,800	2,000	0	900
Longmeadow,	18,000	1768	5,000	1,500	0	1,200
Lowell, Pawtucket,	40,000	'99	4,000	0	5,000	1,500
" 1st,	*65,000	'84	0	0	0	
" 1st Trinitarian,	45,000	'98	0	0	18,000	2,500
" Eliot,	40,000	'74	4,000	1,000	500	2,400
" John street,	20,000	'39	0	0	4,700	1,600
" Kirk "	40,000	'46	0	0	3,000	3,000
" High "	30,000	'46	0	2,483	0	2,500
" *French*,	12,000	'81	0	0	0	820
" Highland,	47,290	'87	0	0	22,000	1,800
" *Swedish*,	5,300	'86	0	0	50	720
" *Norwegian*,						
Ludlow, Center,	8,000	'61	1,200	2,500	0	700
" Union,	3,000	'45	0	0	0	1,050
Lunenburg,	4,000	'42	1,500	2,500	0	700
Lynn, 1st,	70,000	'72	0	2,000	8,490	2,000
" Central,	90,000	'92	0	0	2,500	2,000
" Chestnut st.,	20,000	'57	0	0	1,200	1,200
" North,	28,000	'95	6,000	7,700	10,800	1,300
" *Swedish*,	9,000	'91	0	0	3,100	073
Lynnfield, Center,	5,000	'33	2,500	0		5400
" 2d,	4,000	'57	0	0	0	270
Malden,	56 000	'71	0	0	6,000	3,000
" Maplewood,	7,500	'77	0	0	2,600	1,000
" Linden,	5,000	'76	0	0	1,800	800
Manchester,	18,000	'09	4,000	4,500	975	1,200
Mansfield,	10 000	'38	0	100	0	1,200
Marblehead,	23,000	'24	4,000	8 000	3,650	1,500
Marion,	21,500	'44	3,500	42,180	0	1,300
Marlboro',	27,300	'53	5,000	0	0	1,600
" *French*,	6,000	'91	0	0	500	700
Marshfield, 1st,	5,000	'38	2,300	5,000	0	800
" Hills,	3,500	'37	1,600	12,500	0	600
Mattapoisett,	7,000	'44	2,000	6,400	0	700
Maynard,	15,000	'53	0	500	0	1,000
Medfield,	10,000	'70	3,000	5,935	0	600
Medford, Mystic,	25,000	'48	6,500	0	0	2,700
" West,	15,000	'74	0	22,000	0	1,900

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Medford, Union,	3,000	'87	0	0	0	1,144
Medway, West,	20,000	'13	2,500	561	1,000	800
" Village,	10,000	'37		6,400	0	1,200
" 3d, West,						
Melrose,	45,000	'70	8,000	0	15,000	2,560
" Highlands,	35,000	'95	0	0	18,000	2,000
Merrimac,	10,000	'60	5,000	7,450	0	1,500
Methuen,	89,500	'55	3,000	8,120	0	1,800
Middleboro', 1st,	5,000	'28	2,000	5,000	0	750
" North,	15,000	'94	2,000	12,500	500	1,000
" Central,	35,000	'49	4,500	400	0	1,800
Middlefield,	3,500	1790	1,500	5,700	0	700
Middleton,	5,000	'59	2,500	1,000	0	
Milford,	25,000	'68	0	0	0	2,300
Millbury,	7,000	'35	2,500	10,200	0	1,200
" 2d,	15,000	'27	5,000	925	0	1,200
Millis,	5,000	'50	2,500	17,370	775	1,200
Milton,	7,000	'35	0	6,100	0	1,150
" East,	4,000	'46	0	0	0	1,000
Monson,	10,000	'70	3,000	0	1,050	1,600
Montague,	10,000	'34	1,200	7,000	100	650
" Miller's Falls,	5,000	'96	0	0	0	850
" Turner's Falls,	10,000	'81	2,500	0	2,000	1,000
Monterey,	3,000	'48	0	0	75	500
Mt. Washington,	1,200	'69	0	0	0	0
Nantucket,	7,000	'34	0	0	0	1,000
Natick,	75,000	'75	0	4,650	14,402	3,000
" South,	4,500	'62	2,000	100	2,100	700
Needham,	17,000	'87	3,000	0	6,500	1,000
New Bedford, Acush.,	6,000	'67	3,000	18,000	0	800
" North,	70,000	'36	0	2,000	0	3,500
" Trinitarian,	55,000	'90	0	0	0	3,500
New Braintree,	6,000	'02	0	500	0	600
Newbury,	17,500	'69	3,000	18,300	1,300	1,000
" Byfield,						
Newburyport, North,	20,000	'61	10,000	2,500	2,400	1,400
" Prospect st.,	7,000	1793	0	0	1,100	1,400
" Belleville,	30,000	'67	5,500	10,000	0	1,600
" Whitefield,	10,000	'52	0	0	4,000	
New Marlboro, 1st,	3,000	'40	800	700	0	†150
NewMarlb'o,S'thfield,	4,000	'15	1,000	2,000	0	†300
" Mill River,	2,000	'70	1,000	0	0	600
New Salem,	2,000	'45	0	5,000	0	800
Newton, 1st, Center,	68,000	'48	0	0	0	3,750
" 2d, West,	44,000	'85	9,800	0	8,000	2,700
" Eliot,	200,000	'89	0	0	0	5,000
" Auburndale,	30,000	'56	14,000	1,000	1,525	2,700
" North,	20,000	'74	4,500	0	2,250	800
" Newtonville,	103,000	'95	0	0	41,000	3,000
" Highlands,	20,000	'75	0	0	9,000	2,000
Norfolk,	6,000	'37	2,500	1,200	0	675
North Adams,	78,000	'63	12,000	0	9,000	2,500
Northampton, 1st,	80,000	'78	8,000	1,000	0	2,500
" Edwards,	50,000	'71	6,000	0	5,300	2,500
" Florence,	15,000	'72	4,000	0	0	1,300
North Andover,	25,000	'65	4,000	10,350	0	1,500
North Attleboro', Old.	9,000	'28	2,000	3,600	340	800
" A. Falls,	5,000	'74	0	0	0	1,000
" Trinity,	6,000	'95	0	0	2,500	1,100
Northboro',	7,000	'48	2,500	6,098	0	800
Northbridge, Center,	6,000	'35	1,400	2,500	0	800
" Whitinsville,	120,000	'98	6,000	0	0	1,900
" Rockdale,	8,000	'99	0	0	900	800
North Brookfield, 1st,	30,000	'23	4,000	5,200	0	1,500
" Union,	80,000	'94	0	100	0	1,000
Northfield, East,	15,000	'88	2,000	2,000	3,400	3,000
North Reading,	2,600	'36	2,400	3,050	0	800
Norton,	16,000	'32	2,500	0	0	1,000
Norwood,	30,000	'83	7,500	1,653	1,325	1,500
Oakham,	6,000	'14	1,200	3,750	0	600
Orange, North,	900		0	0	0	†100
" Central,	25,000	'93	0	1,200	500	1,500
" *Swedish*,	3,500	'91	0	0	80	660
Orleans,	4,000	'29	0	0	0	335
Otis,	2,000	'12	800	0	0	150
Oxford,	10,000	'29	3,000	28,250	0	1,000
Palmer, Thorndike,	4,000	'47	1,250	0	0	800
" 2d,	15,000	'47	4,000	0	0	1,300
Palmer, Three Rivers,	6,000	'76	2,500	0	0	1,000
Paxton,	3,000	1767	950	960	0	500

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Peabody, South,	35,000	'44	5,000	2,900	0	2,150
" 2d,	7,200	'74	3,000	1,200	1,100	800
" West,						
Pelham,	1,550	'41	0	0	0	75
" Packardville,	2,000	'69	0	0	0	75
Pepperell,	8,000	'60	3,000	2,877	250	1,200
Peru,	4,500	'95	700	0	0	200
Petersham,	3,000	'34	0	1,150	0	†300
Phillipston,	4,000	1784	700	1,100	0	†300
Pittsfield, 1st,	100,000	'52	12,500	1,500	0	4,000
" 2d,	3,000	'46	0	0	0	0
" South,	30,000	'53	5,000	0	4,500	2,100
" Pilgrim Mem.	15,000	'97	0	0	800	1,000
Plainfield,	1,800	'46	525	1,525	0	600
Plymouth, Manomet,	1,500	'26	1,000	0	0	600
" Pilgrimage,	23,000	'40	0	0	1,800	1,800
" Chiltonville,	6,000	'41	0	0	0	1,000
Plympton,	3,000	'30	800	225	0	650
Prescott,	600	'47	600	300	0	500
Princeton,	6,000	'38	3,200	1,400	0	1,200
Provincetown,						
Quincy, Bethany,	40,000	'71	0	4,300	3,500	2,200
" Wollaston,	10,000	'65	5,000	0	2,500	1,500
" Wash. st. Point,	5,500	'82	0	0	450	1,000
" Atlantic,	6,500	'85	0	0	1,400	1,000
" *Swedish*,	20,000	'89	0	0	0	720
" Park & Downs,	4,900	'94	0	0	1,500	800
Randolph,	30,000	'60	6,000	16,000	0	1,500
Raynham,	8,000	'33	0	600	0	†450
" North,	15,000	'75	0	0	0	†200
Reading.	25,000	'49	0	5,248	3,054	2,000
Rehoboth,	2,500	'39	2,000	1,865	0	800
Revere, 1st,	50,000	'49	0	0	4,000	1,400
" Beachmont,						
Richmond,	10,000	'83	2,000	16,000	700	1,000
Rochester, 1st,	6,000	'37	1,300	6,500	0	700
" North,	2,000	'41	600	5,000	0	†350
" East,	1,600	'57	0	0	0	600
Rockland,	43,000	'94	9,000	0	10,800	1,300
Rockport, 1st,	25,000	'04	3,000	6,000	0	1,200
Rockp't, Pigeon Cove,	3,000	'64	0	100	0	600
" *Swedish*,	3,390	'94	0	0	1,900	420
Rowley,	7,800	'42	3,000	9,400	0	800
Royalston,	9,000	'51	5,000	8,750	0	800
" South,	3,000	'36	0	2,600	0	700
Rutland,	8,000	'50	0	0	0	1,050
Salem, Tabernacle,	26,000	'54	9,000	0	0	2,500
" South,	30,000	'04	8,000	9,000	0	2,200
" Crombie st.,	14,000	'29	0	4,800	2,200	1,800
Sandisfield,	1,800	'52	0	25	20	†75
" New Boston,	2,800	'80	0	0	0	†650
Sandwich,	7,000	'48	2,500	0	100	
Saugus,	10,000	'52	0	6,300	0	900
" Cliftondale,	9,000	'92	4,000	0	0	1,080
Scituate, Center,	6,000	'26	0	10,000	0	800
Seekonk,	2,200	'88	0	0	0	156
Sharon,	9,000	'39	3,000	0	0	900
Sheffield,	8,000	1760	2,000	8,727	115	1,000
Shelburne,	5,000	'45	3,000	0	0	900
" Falls,	6,000	'51	3,000	9,760	0	1,000
Sherborn,	7,000	'30	0	0	0	900
Shirley,	6,000	'50	1,500	5,000	0	600
Shrewsbury,	7,500	1766	1,500	18,000	2,000	1,000
Shutesbury,	3,000	'84	0	0	0	400
Somerset,	4,000	'64	2,000	0	125	600
Somerville, 1st,	60,000	'68	0	1,000	0	2,500
" Broadway,	45,000	'84	0	0	0	2,500
" West,	17,000	'97	0	0	8,700	1,700
" Prospect Hill,	40,000	'91	0	0	0	0
" Winter Hill,	50,000	'81	0	0	15,000	2,200
" Highland,	11,400	'94	0	0	6,800	1,200
Southampton,	10,000	1788	2,000	2,000	0	800
Southboro',	10,000	'57	3,500	0	0	†600
" Southville,	3,350	'71	0	0	0	†300
Southbridge,	18,000	'85	3,000	0	600	1,200
South Hadley,	20,000	'94	3,000	1,200	1,000	1,200
" Falls,	15,000	'64	0	0	0	1,600
Southwick,	3,500	'24	1,000	500	0	800
Spencer,	35,000	'63	0	13,183	0	2,800
Springfield, 1st,	75,000	'18	0	10,000	0	5,000

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Springfield, Olivet,	30,000	'34	0	0	0	1,500
" South,	180,000	'74	0	2,531	1,850	5,000
" North,	125,000	'73	0	0	0	2,800
" Indian Orchard,	6,000	'48	4,000	0	3,000	1,150
" Hope,	42,000	'84	7,400	0	5,600	3,000
" *French*,	10,000	'88	0	0	0	1,000
" Eastern avenue,	7,000	'84	0	0	2,400	300
" Emmanuel,	4,000	'84	0	1,063	0	900
" Park,	22,000	'88	0	0	12,360	1,800
" St. John's,	5,000	'92	0	0	0	800
" *Swedish*,	4,000	'82	0	0	2,000	720
" Faith,	10,000	'99	0	0	0	1,500
Sterling,	4,000	'52	2,100	900	0	
Stockbridge,	15,000	'24	3,000	900	0	1,200
" Curtisvillle,	3,500	'34	0	0	0	520
Stoneham,	25,000	'40	0	2,727	0	1,600
Stoughton,	8,000	'52	0	0	250	
Sturbridge,	5,500	1787	2,000	6,000	0	800
Sudbury, South,	12,000	'91	1,800	11,629	929	1,000
Sunderland,	9,543	'36	1,500	0	0	950
Sutton,	5,000	'22	2,500	4,200	0	1,000
Swampscott,	15,500	'46	3,500	1,100	250	1,000
Taunton, West,	4,500	'25	2,000	825	0	600
" Trinitarian,	40,000	'52	5,000	1,600	0	2,200
" Winslow,	70,000	'97	0	0	9,000	2,250
" East,	6,500	'98	0	2,400	0	700
" Union,	20,000	'72	4,000	0	2,000	1,200
Templeton,	5,000	'33	1,600	6,000	250	600
" Baldwinville,	10,000	'83	3,000	2,500	800	900
Tewksbury,	8,300	'15	2,000	5,000	1,075	1,000
Tolland,	1,200	'44	100	791	205	350
Topsfield,	10,000	'40	2,100	0	0	900
Townsend,	10,000	'30	3,000	1,400	0	900
Truro,	2,000	'27	500	357	75	600
" North,	3,000	'40	500	0	0	500
Tyngsboro',	*5,000	'68	2,000	0	80	700
Upton,	12,000	'48	0	50	0	1,000
Uxbridge,	12,000	'33	0	0	0	1,100
Wakefield,	100,000	'90	0	1,600	18,000	2,000
Walpole,	15,000	'67	0	1,000	500	1,200
Walpole, East,	2,400	'84	0	0	0	600
Waltham,	40,000	'70	0	4,000	12,000	2,500
" *Swedish*,	6,300	'94	0	0	1,200	600
Ware,	3,000	1800	1,200	5,100	0	800
Ware, East,	40,000	'26	5,000	0	850	2,000
" *French*,	5,000	'88	0	0	3,500	†275
Wareham,	7,500	'29	0	1,000	0	900
Warren, 1st,	26,000	'75	4,000	3,700	1,000	1,200
Warwick,	2,000	'33	700	2,800	0	600
Watertown,	20,000	'61	0	2,500	0	2,000
Wayland,	6,500	'35	0	500	0	900
Webster,	15,000	'86	3,500	1,000	2,000	1,200
Wellesley,	36,000	'72	0	885	540	2,000
" Hills,	13,000	'48	7,000	0	0	1,800
Wellfleet,	5,000	'51	900	0	0	†600
" South,						
Wendell,	1,500	'47	2,000	2,500	75	550
Wenham,	6,000	'43	2,500	1,960	325	700
Westboro',	25,000	'33	8,000	150	0	1,600
West Boylston,	0		0	17,000	0	1,000
West Brookfield,	20,000	'82	0	2,000	0	1,000
Westfield, 1st,	60,000	'60	10,000	7,700	900	2,000
" 2d,	37,000	'62	8,000	18,500	7,500	1,500
Westford,	5,000	'29	2,500	5,000	0	800
Westhampton,	12,000	'29	1,500	500	0	900
Westminster,	10,000	'36	0	12,000	0	1,000
West Newbury, 1st,	4,000	'41	1,400	500	0	500
" 2d,	10,000	'19	2,500	4,550	0	700
Weston,	4,000	'92	0	0	160	600
Westport,	4,700	'58	800	4,500	0	700
West Springfield,	6,000	1800	4,000	2,400	600	900
" Mittineague,	14,000	'78	2,500	0	850	1,200
" Park street,	25,000	'71	0	4,000	928	1,200
West Stockbridge, C.,	1,000	1789	0	4,733	0	†260
" " Village,	9,500	'81	1,000	200	0	†600
West Tisbury,	2,700	1732	1,600	0	0	800
Westwood,	2,000		0	0	0	600
Weymouth, 1st, H'ts	8,500	'32	3,000	10,200	0	1,000
" Old South, South,	12,000	'54	3,000	2,200	200	1,200
" and Braintree,	24,000	'98	0	0	400	1,500

CITY OR TOWN.	VALUE OF CHURCH.	YEAR OF ERECTION	VALUE OF PARSONAGE.	INVESTED FUNDS.	INDEBTEDNESS.	SALARY.
Weymouth, Un., So.,	35,000	'72	4,000	31,000	3,000	1,400
" Pilgrim, North,	17,000	'52	4,000	11,000	3,000	1,000
" East,	16,000	'43	2,500	0	0	1,500
Whately,	5,000	'42	1,500	5,000	0	650
Whitman,	10,000	'07	4,250	0	0	1,200
Wilbraham,	12,000	'77	2,000	6,200	375	1,000
" North,	3,000	'76	1,500	2,312	100	800
Williamsburg,	20,000	'35	3,000	14,000	0	900
" Haydenville,	14,000	'51	2,500	8,500	0	500
Williamstown, 1st,	35,000	'68	0	0	0	1,800
" College,						
" South,	5,000	'74	2,000	0	1,000	500
" White Oaks,	4,000	'66	1,400	0	0	500
Wilmington,	12,000	'65	2,500	3,600	250	1,000
Winchendon, 1st,	2,500	'50	0	1,500	0	625
" North,	8,000	'43	0	2,000	0	1,200
Winchester,	35,000	'54	7,500	0	0	2,500
Windsor,	1,200	'47	300	0	0	600
Winthrop,	0		0	0	0	
Woburn,	86,250	'60	0	1,860	0	2,500
" North,	10,000	'83	4,000	0	2,000	1,400
" *Scandinavian*,	10,000	'91	0	0	3,100	720
" Montvale,	2,000	'67	0	0	1,300	390
Worcester, 1st,	175,000	'88	0	0	0	5,000
" Central,	125,000	'84	20,000	0	0	4,000
" Union,	240,000	'96	18,700	500	45,500	5,000
" Summer st.,	20,000	'54	0	25,000	0	1,200
" Plymouth,	150,000	'73	0	0	7,000	
" Piedmont,	125,500	'77	11,500	0	21,900	5,000
" *Swedish*, 1st,	65,000	'83	0	0	24,000	1,020
" Pilgrim,	125,000	'87	0	0	42,000	3,000
" Park,	45,000	'94	0	0	18,400	1,500
" Covenant,	7,000	'88	0	0	1,500	1,000
" Hope,	10,000	'92	0	0	2,600	1,300
" Lake View,	3,500	'80	0	0	0	1,000
" Bethany,	13,000	'92	0	0	6,100	1,000
" *Armenian*,						
" Immanuel,	18,000	'91	0	0	1,300	1,400
" *Swedish*, 2d,	13,000	'99	0	0	0	720
" Adams square,	10,000	'98	3,000	10,000	5,950	1,200
Worthington,	9,000	'88	2,500	2,964	500	800
Wrentham,	20,000	'32	3,500	1,487	850	1,200
Yarmouth,	12,000	'70	1,600	9,850	0	900
" West,	2,000	'35	0	0	0	†400
Total:	13,829,197		1,096,884	1,474,462	$896,403	$705,611

SUMMARIES. — Fifth-Year Statistics.

Conferences.	Churches.		Parsonages.		Invested Funds.		Indebtedness.		Salaries.	
	No. Reporting.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Andover,	27	$699,890	11	$34,050	12	$64,534	15	$75,405	26	$38,260
Barnstable,	21	91,800	13	18,100	7	27,707	4	525	17	13,010
Berkshire, N.,	16	422,200	12	51,400	3	23,200	6	23,000	14	20,300
" S.,	19	165,800	12	39,400	9	22,485	6	4,035	15	12,705
Brookfield,	21	387,500	13	32,900	14	67,983	5	6,090	20	20,560
Essex, N.,	27	349,100	18	67,100	15	123,350	13	29,495	21	24,250
" S.,	36	668,590	23	90,400	24	96,110	18	43,195	31	38,364
Franklin,	29	221,843	22	41,850	17	45,396	7	8,982	27	25,360
Hampden,	46	1,095,176	28	88,400	24	117,362	20	65,168	45	61,305
Hampshire,	17	293,050	16	47,675	12	40,089	5	6,591	16	17,800
" E.,	15	149,450	12	25,800	10	18,310	4	1,825	13	12,050
Mendon,	11	169,500	7	21,500	9	39,673	5	3,275	11	13,425
Middlesex, S.,	20	359,750	10	33,100	11	36,366	7	23,432	20	24,600
" Union,	22	378,123	16	41,300	15	65,577	7	22,434	22	23,340
Norfolk,	35	726,400	17	72,000	16	107,925	14	31,290	34	43,730
Old Colony,	16	241,000	10	22,800	12	96,080	1	1,450	15	18,750
Pilgrim,	14	79,500	8	15,200	10	54,275	5	2,430	12	9,900
Suffolk, N.,	26	1,182,700	3	19,100	8	29,528	13	72,525	24	49,300
" S.,	27	968,975	5	36,500	8	51,114	13	78,090	28	55,325
" W.,	23	2,411,300	9	81,500	5	53,500	11	104,035	20	45,650
Taunton,	22	494,000	15	51,859	15	42,520	11	14,915	23	27,390
Woburn,	23	568,850	9	38,400	10	66,585	15	76,004	22	35,414
Worcester,	29	1,296,600	14	78,850	12	113,710	15	197,272	28	46,302
" N.,	15	138,400	5	12,300	12	49,358	2	1,050	13	12,395
" S.,	16	267,500	10	35,400	10	21,725	3	3,900	16	15,970
Associated with R. I.,	1	2,200		0		0		0		156
Total,	574	$13,829,197	318	$1,096,884	326	$1,474,462	225	$896,403	533	$705,611

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.[1]

REV. HENRY A. HAZEN.

We shall all be ready to congratulate ourselves on the place which invites our assembly this year. It is a beautiful place. Lapped in the glory of the Connecticut valley, with the mountains hither and yon, we cannot be insensible to the charm of this college location; and the college itself is a significant attraction. Massachusetts is proud of her history and achievements, and of the vitality with which she faces the future, with promise of larger things to come; and our interest in the college cannot fail to be enhanced by this visit.

It is worth notice that the opportunity to come to Amherst and to other places similarly situated is one favorable result of the recent change in our rules in regard to hospitality. Places which would be over-taxed by the free entertainment of this body may be able to provide for our needs on the new basis, and the range of our meetings will be larger in the future. An invitation for 1901, the opening year of the coming century, will be presented to you, which will be, it is safe to say, most agreeable to you.

Two churches have been added to our sisterhood during the year, Arlington Heights and Belmont; and three have been omitted, Union Grove in Lakeville, West Warren and Belmont in Worcester. This leaves our total exactly 600. The membership total is 112,966, which is a loss of 578. This is the first time in twenty years that a falling off has been reported; but it should be said that the larger part of this reduction comes from the revision of their roll by a few larger churches. The additions on confession are 2,703, only 144 less than in 1898; and the removals by death were 1,967; 227 more than last year. These facts relieve the falling off and show that it is more apparent than real; but we must not fail to recognize the fact and lay it to heart that the year has not brought the growth and progress which, with due fidelity to the Master, these rich and prosperous churches of Massachusetts would have had to report. This fact is emphasized by the farther statement that our Sunday schools report a loss of 5,370, with a total of 115,211. On the other hand, our benevolent giving shows a healthy gain of $101,914, or 18 per cent, reaching the total of 660,039. The benevolent legacies are $224,486, an increase of $93,355. The home expenditures increase less than either the benevolences or the legacies, $73,196, the total being $1,645,966, an average of $2,759 to each church. The benevolences average $1,100 to each church, and $5.84 to each member.

The gathering of our reports has proceeded on the usual lines, but without the improvement hoped for, and which we ought to make. If we are ever to secure the earlier Year Book, which the churches wish, Massachusetts must do her part, by finding the way to secure earlier returns from the churches. Five conferences reported in January: Mendon, first as usual, Barnstable, Hampshire East, and Worcester North and South. Nineteen reported in February, of which I name the last five only, Essex South, Woburn, and the three Suffolks. Hampden came on March 3, and the Massachusetts table could not be completed for the printer in February, as it has been done for three years before.

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You will agree with me that improvement in this matter is desirable, important, and practicable. The churches are not content, and ought not to be, to wait five months for the Year Book. But if tardy churches are to take half that time to make their reports, and be waited for, we can do no better. I make two or three suggestions towards improvement.

1. Induce the churches to take the time needed to complete their reports in December, and not put it off till February. It is due, and called for by the National Council, Jan. 1, and that is the day when it should be completed; but many do not begin its preparation until that day or later.

2. And there is a small per cent of the churches which needs to be waked up to the fact that it is not a good excuse for a tardy report that the annual meeting has not been held. Annual meetings are held in perhaps every month in the year, and there is no more necessity or propriety in the January churches delaying our work, by keeping us waiting for their meetings, than for the churches meeting in February, May, or November to do it. A common date for our reports would be a dream, if the contention of these churches were sound. In fact the Council calls upon these churches for their reports on the first day of the year, the best and most complete which they can make it on that day; and any betterment which they can give it by delay and waiting for an annual meeting would be more than balanced by the loss to all the churches by the waiting for it. If the Association accepts this view and will put it in some terse utterance, it will help the statistical secretaries in securing better things.

3. Another suggestion concerns the expediency of a time limit for receiving reports. New Hampshire has fixed such a limit, Feb. 1, and for the last two years the State tables have come to the Year Book practically complete on the fourth and third of February; and this is only slightly better than Maine, Vermont, Michigan, and Oregon do; and if New Hampshire can report its almost two hundred churches in January, is there any conference in Massachusetts which can not do as well? Where there is a will a way can be found for prompt returns. Believing that I should have your approval I have taken one liberty this year. I have declined to insert any church report coming to me later than March 1, and you will find three blank lines in the tables, thus explained. And I submit to your wisdom the question whether you will give your sanction to this course in future, and what the date limit shall be. Our churches may not be quite ready for the New Hampshire limit yet; but we should be able to fix it before long at Jan. 15; and I think that Feb. 15 would be a safe limit to try now.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY P. EMERSON, *Treasurer, in account with the* GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY, 1900.

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1899–1900.	
To cash on hand last report	$824 33
Receipts from Conferences	6,132 85
Interest	8 58
Total	$6,965 76

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By Rev. Eugene C. Webster, expenses in connection with 97th annual meeting,	$8 10
Dea. James G. Buttrick, circulars and postage for Committee on Labor Organizations	15 00
Rev. A. Z. Conrad, 1,000 ballots	2 50
Philip S. Moxom, cablegram to Andrew D. White, The Hague	9 26
Rev. H. A. Hazen, salary	500 00
stationery and postage	57 25
Herbert N. Ackerman, Board of Pastoral Supply	2,529 19
W. L. Green & Co., advertising annual meeting	10 80
Frank L. Bristol, stationery, etc., on appeal	8 41
Rev. James W. Flagg, expense attending annual meeting	4 40
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing Minutes	763 66
Samuel B. Forbes, treasurer National Council	2,835 68
Rev. Francis J. Marsh, postage and expense	13 20
Postage and stationery	3 58
Cash on hand	204 73
Total	$6,965 76

HENRY P. EMERSON, *Treas.*

Amount of the apportionments not received from the Conferences.

Essex North, 1898	$10 00	
1899	36 10	
		$46 10
Hampden, 1893		69 72
Hampshire, 1899		77 02
Mendon, 1899		32 16
Norfolk, 1898	$18 69	
1899	162 92	
		181 61
Old Colony, 1895	$5 88	
1896	17 22	
1897	18 10	
1898	32 08	
1899	40 14	
		113 42
Suffolk North, 1898	$162 38	
1899	196 74	
		359 12
Taunton, 1899		24 08
Worcester Central, 1899		96 69
North, 1899		3 21
South, 1899		34 48
Total	$1,037 61	

HENRY P. EMERSON, *Treas.*,
Per CHARLES E. SWETT.

The Auditing Committee of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts have examined the accounts of the treasurer, Mr. Henry P. Emerson, and find that he has received six thousand nine hundred sixty-five and seventy-six one hundredths dollars ($6,965.76), and paid out six thousand seven hundred sixty-one and three one hundredths dollars ($6,761.03), presenting proper vouchers for said payments, and has a balance on deposit with the Beacon Trust Company of two hundred four and seventy-three one hundredths dollars ($204.73).

CHARLES E. SWETT,
J. H. TEWKSBURY, } *Auditing Committee.*

BOSTON, May 14, 1900.

The treasurer reports outstanding debts amounting to $639.26. There is due the treasurer from twelve of the Conferences $1,037.61. If the Association realized the full amount of these dues it would have in the treasury after meeting its debts, $398.35.

Nine of the Conferences have paid assessments in full for 1899. Four have balanced their accounts by the treasurer, charging to profit and loss, small amounts which were uncollectable, amounting to $18.60, made up of the following amounts: —

	$1 38	
	2 16	
	13 26	
	1 80	
		$18 60
Eleven owe on account of 1899 apportionments		773 26
Four owe on account of 1898 apportionments		223 15
One Conference owes for 1897	$18 10	
1896	17 22	
1895	5 88	
		41 20
Total amount due the Association		$1,037 61

By advice of the auditing committee the treasurer has charged to profit and loss of 1898 assessments, $240.75, balance due from eight Conferences. He has charged to profit and loss of 1899 assessments, $18.60, balance due from four Conferences, evidence having been presented that the same were uncollectable. The total amount charged to profit and loss during the year is $259.35.

CHARLES E. SWETT,
Chairman Auditing Committee.

May 14, 1900.

MEMORIAL FROM MENDON CONFERENCE

To the General Association in reference to the deficit of $52.10 as reported by the treasurer of the Association for the year ending May, 1899: —

Mendon Conference wishes courteously to inform the Association, that, by a vote often repeated, the Conference does not undertake the collection of the Assessment for the support of the "Board of Pastoral Supply," so many of the churches having objected to such an Assessment. The payment is left, therefore, to the option of the individual churches, but with this recommendation in the vote of October, 1899, that those churches which pay but three and one half cents per member, make a special offering during the year to the Board. The Conference does not therefore consider itself responsible for any deficit arising from the neglect of any of its churches to pay the extra assessment, and respectfully ask that such deficit may not be reported in the minutes.

The above was adopted by Mendon Conference at its meeting held in Norfolk, Mass., April 18, 1900.

JAMES H. FLAGG, *Scribe.*

By advice of auditing committee the treasurer charged the sum of $52.10 to profit and loss.

Confirmed by H. P. Emerson.

COMMITTEE ON WORK OF CHURCHES.[1]

REV. S. G. BARNES, LONGMEADOW.

Our previous report to this body had almost exclusive reference to the constitution of the committee. Experience had abundantly proved that a committee of fifty, with its membership largely *ex-officio*, was an unworking and unworkable committee. In accordance with the recommendation presented by the committee itself, you reduced its membership to nine, with the hope and expectation that the men so appointed would feel their responsibility, and would put their necks into the yoke. We are happy to report that this hope has been realized; there has been during the year a degree of faithfulness in attending upon the meetings and in performing allotted tasks which has made it possible for the committee to respect itself.

By vote of this body last year, the subject of an alleged decrease in Sunday school attendance was referred to this committee for investigation. That matter is to be presented in a separate report following this. The topic selected by the committee itself was that of accessions by confession of faith. What work are the churches doing as recruiting stations for the Kingdom of Heaven? What methods are being used, and with what success? Is the church militant vindicating its right to the title by aggressive warfare which is visibly extending the boundaries of the Kingdom? By vigorous drill and high enthusiasm is it improving the *morale* of the soldiers of Christ?

There are six hundred Congregational churches in Massachusetts. In response to the circular letter sent out by the committee, two hundred and forty-four replies were received. It would seem that more than half of the pastors are quite indifferent to this particular method of edification. A considerable number of the replies used about ten words in answering the four questions, and apparently took about one minute for the entire labor of response; others had so much to write that there was no possibility of getting the reply on the sheet furnished. It will be seen that there is an appreciable element of the hasty and fortuitous in the materials which the secretary has been called upon to arrange and digest; but they doubtless faithfully reflect the various opinions and habits of the churches, and in a rough way indicate the proportions of the elements involved.

The first question was as follows: Recognizing fully that the work of the churches is largely that of education and nurture, what are you doing beyond this to secure the conversion of souls? A considerable number of answers left this space entirely blank, or simply said "Nothing," or

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"Nothing extraordinary." Some were disposed to challenge the idea that the church has any duty beyond that of education and nurture, or that conversions ought to be sought by any but the ordinary means of grace used in the ordinary way. One answer reads: "I think education and nurture cover the whole duty of man." Another: "The 'salvation of souls' has come to have so narrow and ecclesiastical a sense that I do not use the phrase, nor seek the result for which it ordinarily stands." Others are impressed with the fact that the majority of people in our respective parishes do not attend church, as a rule, and are not reached at all by the ordinary efforts; they are not only evidently unchurched, but apparently unsaved, giving no proof of possessing a religious life which simply needs development. As one puts it, "They are not green apples, needing only a sunny treatment for ripening, but apples with rotten spots that need making over." So there came protests that the primary business of the church is conversion, and that the emphasis now laid upon education and nurture is robbing the church of its true power. One pastor writes: "I don't believe the assertion in your first question." Another writes: "I make it plain that no amount of education can save the soul."

Those who believe that no matter how well the word is preached in season, something more must be done, seem to place their main dependence upon personal conversation. "Personal work is the root idea and primary method of Christian work." "We ought to be more bold: there are always people who want to be talked with about religion." Pastoral letters are reported by a number. One pastor has learned the birthdays of all the young people, and writes them birthday letters which contain a personal appeal. References to books and literature are surprisingly few; the word "tracts" is mentioned by only two or three; but "leaflets" seem in some measure to have taken their place. One pastor who advocates the use of the printed word reports, that "conversations are often impossible through the shyness and reticence of young people as to religion; but a good book is never refused and often proves of great help." Where conversation is possible, and especially where it is not, intercessory prayer is important. "I have a list of the unsaved for whom I pray daily." "As I look on the unsaved and think of the helplessness of human endeavor, nothing seems so necessary to the work or so deplorably absent in myself as power in intercessory prayer."

Much is naturally made of enlisting others in such work. A few report urging parents "to restore the lost art of religious conversation in the family." Some pastors have formal or informal societies of the "Win One" type. In some churches, the brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has proved an efficient organization for securing personal labor. In others, the Society of Christian Endeavor is thoroughly organized for spiritual work, every member having something to do, and every unconverted person at all accessible being assigned to at least one worker. One pastor reports that his whole church is so organized. But the churches, as a whole, evidently prefer to think of themselves as the pastor's field rather than his force. "It is comparatively easy for the pastor to speak

to five different persons; it is hard for him to find five different Christians willing to speak the words they want him to speak." Less difficult is the formation of prayer circles which are reported in various churches; sometimes they meet for social prayer; sometimes they are simply asked to let the pastor know for whom they are praying, so that he may co-operate in the endeavor.

Meetings at the parsonage, occasional or regular, are reported by some, where opportunity is given for explicit conversation upon the great concerns of salvation. Pastor's classes in the great doctrines and duties, for those intending to join the church, or desiring to understand the principles of the Christian life, are springing up in various places, and are evidently one of the most hopeful signs of the times. "Since the age from twelve to sixteen is universally regarded as that of the greatest religious sensibility, that church is wasting its most precious opportunity that pays no special attention to youth at this period."

Indirect methods, such as Boys' Brigades, Men's Clubs, Business Men's Topic Class, reading rooms, temperance work, are reported under this head. Certainly these efforts do not have conversions as their immediate object; but as certainly the church cannot expect conversions if it shows no care for anything else. "The spirit of friendliness must be made conspicuous and unmistakable."

A great variety of special meetings marks the work of the churches. Sometimes a group of churches in a community will unite. Sometimes neighboring pastors agree to give each other special help in turn. This method was especially recommended by Mr. Moody, and has been taken up in several different parts of the State this last year. Passion Week has come into general favor as a time for devotional meetings, and seems now fairly to rival the Week of Prayer as a season for special effort. Some pastors begin their evangelistic work with the week of prayer, and continue it up to Easter Sunday. One writes, "Some special meetings every year, of from two to four weeks, are absolutely essential to the church that would keep itself in fighting trim." In general, these services are held without the assistance of a special evangelist. Where the evangelist has been used, some report large results in conversions; some, only a general awakening among the Christians. Less formal in character are the neighborhood or household meetings, in some churches, always beginning at the week of prayer, and continuing until they have been held in every house that is willing to open its doors.

Turning now to the regular and ordinary church gatherings, many pastors report that the evangelistic spirit and purpose is always present. "I never preach a sermon anywhere, at any time, that does not urge the reasons for accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord." "I do not hesitate to say '*You*,' in speaking to the unconverted." "I am always planning for results, and training myself and my people to look for results from our ordinary meetings." Others, however, are not in the habit of making any formal appeals to the impenitent as such. "I would like to," writes one pastor, "but they don't come to church, and will not come, unless

they happen to be members of Christian families." Another considers the distinction between penitent and impenitent as often misleading: "I present Christian truth as having a claim on all men, whether they acknowledge it or not." This conception of preaching evidently rules in the Sunday morning service, which seems to be considered as belonging characteristically to the older people and the members of the church. But judging from these reports, a decided majority of the pastors have a different audience in the evening, made up of young people and "floaters"; and the Sunday evening sermon is the time, if ever, when the fisherman not only seeks to get his net around the fish, but actually to land them.

The truths emphasized naturally differ considerably. "Argument, warning, invitation, entreaty, are all employed." The appeals that were most effective a generation or two ago, based upon the peril of the soul and the dreadfulness of sin, are still made prominent by not a few. "Without the recognition of these awful facts, people have no special interest in religion; if there is nothing serious from which they must be saved, salvation is no serious concern." But most seem to depend rather on the value of the soul, the needs of the world, the nobility of service, the mercy of God, the rightful claims of Christ, and the like.

Some pastors are strongly opposed to revival methods. "They are like shaking the fruit off the tree. Sharp and energetic measures may bring down a good deal of fruit, but it is likely to be much damaged in the process." "I do not seek expression made under social excitement and strong temporary pressure. I want the soul to make a calm and deliberate decision alone with its God." Others say that they have repeatedly tried these methods, but with no special success. Others say they believe in them, but their people do not, or their people are not the kind that can be reached by them. For one reason or another, a great majority of our pastors do not desire the assistance of an evangelist, and do not employ the methods used by the evangelists. In most of our services, even Sunday evenings, no attempt is made to secure definite decision, with some external sign of that decision. Thus the second question, What methods of personal appeal do you use in your services? received this as one answer: "None, beyond the use of the English language, with the best skill, power, and earnestness available, supplemented by private visitation."

There is, however, a vigorous and aggressive minority who habitually use revival methods, or their equivalents, believing that the church must often focus its influence upon decision for Christ, or it is in danger of sinking to the level of a society for ethical culture. The method most commonly used is that of an exhortation leading up to the appeal to raise the hand, or to rise, as an expression of religious interest. Many pastors always ask for some expression of Christian purpose or consecration on the part of the church members present, before they appeal to the unconverted. Various forms of cards are used, some simply expressing desire, others purpose. Sometimes requests are made that those who are willing should stay in their seats for the after meeting, or for personal conver-

sation; sometimes, that they should come forward to the pastor and give their hand in pledge. Not a few pastors report: "I use any and all methods." "Everything conceivable by the human mind, and suggested by the divine mind." "Anything that I think will work." The radical difficulty in all such endeavors is indicated by one who sadly says, "I try everything, and it is the sorrow of my life that all methods fail." Another writes, "I am at my wit's end; can you suggest any new methods?"

Next to the Sunday evening preaching service, the Christian Endeavor meeting seems to be the one most generally used for such appeals. A number report the junior society as the place where they put the most pressure and get the largest results; others find the senior society the most hopeful field. The efficient work of the Christian Endeavor committees is gratefully acknowledged by some pastors. The consecration meeting is sometimes made the time for more pointed address. The Sunday school is also used. Teachers are urged to bring definite influence to bear on their pupils. Sometimes the review Sunday is given up to an evangelistic service or prayer meeting. Some Sunday schools hold a prayer meeting as a regular part of the ordinary service. One writes, "We have in the Sunday school many young people who never attend any other meeting, and we try to reach them by a brief prayer meeting held occasionally at the close of the Sunday school session." A Decision Day for the Sunday school has lately begun to win favor. In Pennsylvania, a very general use has been made of this method, but it seems barely started in this State. One report says, "Nearly every scholar has surrendered to Christ." One pastor follows Decision Day with a communion class, so arranged that the candidates join the church on Flower Sunday.

The third question is as follows: Is there any indication in your region of a renewed interest in the salvation of souls? Many of the replies are sombre in tone. "A majority of the church are self-satisfied and indifferent." "As a whole, the church is dead to the peril of the unsaved; it seems to have lost the passion for souls." "Most people care but little for souls in heathen countries, and but little more for the heathen at home. Missionary momentum is sadly deficient." "Theological discussions are withering our faith." "The authority of the Bible is being undermined." Of quite another sort is the answer, "Neighborhood quarrels have destroyed the love that seeks after souls." Still another is stated thus: "The older Christians seem to have resigned their responsibility to the Christian Endeavor Society, and that, though active, is lacking in experience and spirituality, and cannot do the work the mature Christians ought to do." "The Christian Endeavor Society means well, but there are spiritual deficiencies that mark all its work with palsy." "I hear rather more pious wishing, but I see no more consecrated work." "A few express some anxiety, but no one lies awake nights thinking about it." "Working for souls involves many embarrassments, and few are willing to face embarrassment."

Others indicate some rays of hope. "There is not much interest among

the saints, but the sinners are showing a new interest." "I find direct evangelical methods are meeting with more respect and more ready response than I expected." "We have had no conversion for over a year, and the church is really getting serious." "The impotence of the church in general is arousing a few to new concern." "A few pastors and others seem to long for better things." One pastor writes: "I certainly am aroused as I never was before." Some report hopeful signs observed in church conferences, or Christian Endeavor conventions. "There is a new hunger for righteousness and power." "The prayer meetings indicate that more praying is being done, and better praying." "Our prayer meetings do not run to talk as much as they did." "There is a new humility and confession of unworthiness which is most hopeful." "I see an increase of conscientiousness among Christians, and a greater readiness for personal work." One reports: "We always have a renewed interest during the week of prayer." Another says: "The interest is cordial, but not marked. There is much quiet but persistent watching for souls." "The church is in motion, but it is the motion of a slow freight rather than of the Empire express." Another writes, with some indignation: "Our interest in the salvation of souls is always great." Another, in similar vein: "None unite with this church except those thoroughly interested in the salvation of souls."

Revival meetings, resulting in considerable additions to the church, are reported by some. One pastor is confident that there has been marked progress, because the Roman Catholic priests in his community are doubling their efforts to prevent the people from reading the Bible. Another is sure that many souls have been reached, but how many he cannot tell, because it is so common for beginners to think religion is something between themselves and their God simply. Another writes: "The fact that Abraham Lincoln did not join the church is being used here as a weighty argument against the public profession of Christ."

The fourth question reads as follows: Is there increasing worldliness among your church members? A few are sure that there is; more are sure that there is not. Many recognize that the question is a complicated one. "The good people are growing better, and the others worse," writes one. "The merely nominal members of the church are certainly an increasing hindrance," says another. "Church members are more worldly in some ways, and are not as much so in others," testifies still another observer. Many report, "I do not know"; "It is impossible to tell." One says: "Worldliness is a matter of the spirit, not of the occupation, and the spirit cannot be measured."

Of those who believe that worldliness is increasing, several refer to worldly amusements, mentioning whist parties and public dances. "In this and neighboring towns dancing is proving a terrible and increasing evil, preventing Christian growth and paralyzing Christian activity." "Card parties are the rage in this section, and the despair of my soul." The clubs and granges are sometimes found to interfere seriously with church work. The demands of business, especially in these hard times,

the fatigue of overwork, the cares of prosperity, are cited as sources of a secular spirit. Different points of view are indicated by these two responses: "My people are so busy that they have no time to be worldly." "My people are so preoccupied that they have no time to be spiritual." Another writes: "Many of my people are compelled to work on Sunday as well as during the week; I cannot get at them at all." The decline of Sabbath observance is noted by many; the habit of sleeping late Sunday mornings, the disposition to occupy the day with the Sunday newspaper, with social visitation, with bicycle excursions, with anything and everything but that which will make it a holy day, are presented as the most ominous signs of the times. Some report that only a few are more worldly, but they are among the most influential in the church or in the parish. Others feel that the trouble is universal, a lapse from a spiritual state to that of a mere general goodness, that is content with Sunday morning attendance, and for the rest of the week runs a neck and neck race with the respectable world.

Some who declare confidently that there is no increase of worldliness, qualify this statement by the damaging addition that there could not well be. "The church cannot be more worldly, and be a church at all." "The line of separation between the church and the world is very faint indeed." From two churches comes the statement that worldliness is increasing among the women faster than among the men; in two others, the worldliness of the young people is the hardest problem that faces the pastor. One pastor is sure that the world in general is more worldly, and that his church is suffering because of the increased evil outside, but is making a good fight. Another writes, "Despite worldly influence outside, my church is more than holding its own." Other pastors plant themselves on the truth that all things are ours, including the world, and thinks that "worldliness" is much in need of more careful definition. "There is an increasing tendency to make right and good use of this world." One answers, "No; there is not more worldliness, but there is increasing enterprise and diligence in business, more ambition for worldly prosperity." This seems to be the case in one church, where they had thought they could not raise a certain sum for repairs, but succeeded in raising four times the amount originally requested, which the pastor naturally gives as a proof that his church is not worldly. Another pastor, of a different mind, writes, "It is easy to raise money here, but I cannot get my people to support the prayer meeting." The problem of pleasure is thus stated by one: "Christians are learning how to go to the theatre, etc., and yet be earnest church workers and maintain spiritual mindedness." Several replies indicate that even the world is not so worldly as it was. "There is a more healthy form of worldliness than formerly." "The spirit of Christ prevails more outside of the church than it once did." On the contrary, is the testimony of one who says, "It is not the worldliness of the church, but the worldliness of the world that embarrasses me."

In a noticeable number of replies, there is a distinct note of triumph: "The spiritual life is deepening," is a phrase used again and again.

"There is a marked decline in worldliness." "We have had a revival, and wordly amusements have been put into the background." "Our church is increasingly a living force in the community." "My people are the best people on earth." "We have many noble men and women with whom the home and the church are the two great interests of life." One pastor replies with spirit, "Certainly not; our church members are converted to God, and as such they live a new life."

Last fall the committee ventured upon the somewhat unusual step of sending out an appeal to the churches, based on the fact that additions to the churches of our own and other denominations have of late been sadly small. The harvest returns have been strangely meagre, considering the amount of work done in sowing and cultivating. Various reasons for this comparative failure were suggested, and the prayerful consideration of the churches was invoked. The responses to this appeal were cordial, and were not confined to this State. It found many who were thinking along the same lines; it set some to thinking, if we can judge from the letters that came to us. The committee is unanimous in believing that the church of Christ must not only be evangelical, but evangelistic; that it must not only be wholesome and attractive, but aggressive and spiritually masterful; that it must not only be a lighthouse, sending its guiding rays near and far, but a life-saving station, rescuing individual souls from peril.

As they see the situation, it is at once most serious and most hopeful. Certainly the responses from the two hundred and forty churches present in the main a spirit and purpose that should cause us to thank God and take courage. What some style, contemptuously, "the hustling for souls" has never been characteristic of our order. But our churches as a whole cannot be fairly charged with worldly indifference or intellectual sterility. There is much of desire and longing, much intelligent study of the situation; many are planning their work and working out their plans; there is humble prayer before God, and hopeful conference with the brotherhood. There is a new call to catch the spirit of our Master, who is always expecting results, "from henceforth expecting, until he make his enemies his footstool."

From the words that came to us, none are better for the conclusion of the matter than these: "In a more spiritual type of preaching, in preaching upon the great themes, is our hope for the church. A larger burden of conviction and loyalty to the great end of preaching, viz.: the bringing of men to God, and God to men, must come upon the minister in the pulpit and out of it. The Gospel as an evangel has a hungrier world waiting for it in the twentieth than in the first century." And this appeal comes with equal force to the laity. The sure sign of a revived church is the acceptance, by the individual Christian, of the same standard of consecration, of spiritual directness and singleness of mind, which he applies to his pastor. The one characteristic of the apostolic church which we most need to reproduce is brought out in the description: "They went everywhere, preaching the word."

COMMITTEE ON "THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES" ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

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At Brockton, last year, the report of Secretary Hazen showed a falling off in our Sunday school membership throughout the State to the number of 3,666. No such loss had been chronicled since 1882, when there was a loss of 10,999, and the question naturally arose as to the cause of it, so that the General Association, at its last session in 1899, voted, "that the decrease of attendance in the Sunday schools of our churches during the past year be referred to the committee on Work of the Churches."

Your committee took this matter under consideration at its first meeting, and appointed a sub-committee to make the investigation and report. A letter was sent to the scribe of each of the twenty-five conferences, and a reply was received from eleven of them. A report was then made to the committee, who voted to retain this sub-committee, and that they should make a still further and more careful investigation, and report to this body. For this purpose a set of eleven questions was sent to the 618 Sunday schools of our denomination. From these we have received 439 returns, from which we compile our report.

We felt in the beginning that the decrease was not actually established, and the returns that we have received lead us to suppose that there has been no such decrease as the figures of last year, and those of this, indicate. In fact, they look like gain rather than loss. In the figures that we have received, the Home Department is included, and probably it is not in the figures given by the secretary of the Association. Two hundred and seventy-three schools report a gain in average attendance of 7,744, and 273 report a loss of 3,232. Of these, 144 city schools gain 564, and the 293 country schools gained 1,999. The average increase in attendance for the city schools, about four to a school, while that of the country has been nearly seven to a school. The total membership of the 144 schools reporting from the cities is 50,788, while the 293 country schools number 38,322, and the average gain has been 9 per cent for the country, and 8½ per cent for the city. We have given these figures to show that the country or outlying districts are doing their best to keep up the interest in the work. One peculiar feature of these reports has been that some schools, that by their figures show a loss, say no decrease, while some that have made a gain, mourn over their loss; and many have lost in membership, but gained in average attendance.

Permit us to present a few more figures: 199 schools report Home Departments, one of them having a Home Department larger than the membership of the regular school; 9 schools are graded and 4 have a kindergarten; 19 report a corresponding decrease in their congregations as that in the Sunday school.

One question asked, was: "In your judgment do the activities of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor tend to lessen or increase Sunday school attendance?" While your committee believed that this society is an advantage to all Christian work, yet much had been said to the contrary. Our replies are as follows: one third think that they affect it neither way. A few state distinctly that they lessen the attendance, and a little over one half, or a majority of all, declare that they tend to increase it.

Let us give you a few of the answers on both sides: "Many say they cannot attend both, hence choose the Christian Endeavor." "No one can tell." "Can't say Yes; do not care to say No." "Not prepared to say." "I think the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is to be credited with much of the decrease in our Sunday schools." And one simply places the interrogation mark after the question. Others say some of the most efficient officers and teachers are Christian Endeavor members. "Most all our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor members are regular attendants at Sunday school." "They are our best workers in the Sunday school." "Our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor are warmly engaged in the Sunday school. Every officer and chairman of our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor except one is a teacher or officer in the Sunday school." We will not multiply these answers.

Again we have tried to find how far the spiritual life or the bringing of the soul to Christ has been the aim of the Sunday school work, and only about one half, or 238 schools, make this claim. Some of the answers have pained us. One says, "Sunday school teaching is becoming more educational than spiritual, I am sorry to say." Another, "My aim is conversion first; but can you depend upon the teachers always for the point?" "A matter left entirely to the teachers." "More to interest the scholar than anything else." "More to interest than conversion." "Some teachers have no aim but general moral teaching." "A school for Bible study, not a place for exhortations; it is educational." "To make character, not Bible critics." "Am surprised that the question should be asked, and yet —" Again, take a glance at the helps that are used, — Pilgrim, Peloubet's, Westminster, Cook's, Bible Study Union, The Reformed, American Sunday School Union, — all kinds. Very little Bible, plenty of helps.

But you have asked us to find the cause of decrease. All these things are but showing which way the wind blows. We claim that so far as our returns go, that there has been no general decrease; and when we find reports like the following: 39 out of 42 joining the church came from the Sunday school; 16 joined the church; 15 joined the church; 21 united with the church; 11 came into church fellowship; and then this sorrowful wail, only 5 joined the church last year. Another: 95 per cent of the school signed a pledge at the beginning of the year to try to lead a Christian life. "Our school constantly growing in numbers and spiritual life, and adds a number to the church each year." "Points to an increase this year, and a spiritual growth." "Fifty-one present every Sunday last year." And in one school of 160 members, there were 25 conversions last

year. Now these are encouraging facts and ought to make us glad. Yet we are told that last year there was a great decrease, and we were to find why. We will not try to give you all the whys, for time would fail. Some of the causes cannot be remedied. Old people dying off. Business depression. Removals from town. Protestant element leaving and foreigners coming in, either with no religion or Roman Catholic. Purging the membership roll. Repairing church building and no fit place to hold the school. Church burned. Carelessness. Indifference. Lack of men to help. And one gives these three reasons: "1. Lack of parental authority. 2. Smaller families. 3. Our people obliged to leave town to find employment." "No interest." "Difficulty in securing teachers." "Adult church members do not take interest." "Losing young men for lack of teachers." "A lack of suitable teachers; not those who do not know enough, but those who possess the rare combination of ability and force to hold a class, and eventually bring them to Christ." "Low spiritual condition." "The bicycle and the electric car more attractive than the Sunday school." "Young people consider the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor the all-sufficient, and the superintendent is too old to be interesting." "Lack of Christianity in the home." "Lack of interest in Bible study." "The efforts of some Christian leaders to pose as progressive thinkers, and their subtle suggestions against the authenticity of the Bible." "The stress laid by preachers upon sociological matters to the neglect of the exposition of the word." "The effort to make the Sunday school intellectual rather than a combination of the intellectual and spiritual." "The Sunday newspaper." And one gives as the main reason: "The young women getting married, and the young men going away to school."

But we will not weary you by continuing the reasons; multiply the numbers, their name is legion. There is a defect somewhere; there must be a cause if this state of things exists; some schools are like that of which one speaks, who says, "In our church the enthusiasm except in the pastor was chiefly lodged in the past two generations. The present are not as warm blooded." Another says, "There are too many ignorant, narrow-minded, shiftless, improvident, and lazy men and women who consider they are saved. We need to make intelligent Christian men and women who shall be of some use to the world." Now these things exist. These statements have been made by men and women who are in the work. But there is another side to the story. Others are increasing their schools; but How? do you ask. "House to house visitations." "Individual work." "Consecrated teachers." This is repeated again and again, "Consecrated teachers." "Personal visiting." "Preaching of the gospel in the church." "Fellowship between all the societies of the church and the school." "Conducting the affairs of the school in a systematic way." "All officers feel the responsibility of their obligation as such." One school has an executive committee consisting of pastor, superintendent, and three good workers who meet the first Monday of each month to plan. The Christian Endeavor helped to increase one. Here, then, are the facts as they

have been culled from the 439 reports we have received from as many schools; but where are the 179 that should have reported and have not? If there is a decrease in membership, if there is a falling off in our Sunday schools and we must look for the cause, is there not an inkling of the cause in this very fact of the lack of interest in the work, even among those who should take the greatest interest in the matter, and does it not show itself in the fact that they would not, or felt they could not, or did not see the use of answering these few questions which would enable your committee to make a more complete report?

Now, what are the conclusions to which we are drawn by the knowledge we have obtained? We believe the bicycle, the electric cars, and the Sunday newspaper have much to do with this whole matter. We also believe that a large number of our churches are over-organized. We do not mean by this, that there is too much organization, but too many organizations, and that these varied organizations sap the life and absorb the vital working forces of the church and minimize the importance of the oldest. greatest, and most important of all the organizations within the church. We believe the church does not properly support the school in many instances, either financially, or, what is more important, by personal influence and interest. That too often the school is left to run itself and the church and church members are indifferent to its claims, and we believe that another reason is the lack of definite interest shown in the Sunday school work as such in the local conference and General Association. For where the conference gives special time to this branch of the work there are always better and more promising results. As, for instance, in one conference which gives one day each year to the consideration of this branch of church work, under a committee chosen for the purpose, there is a steady growth.

Still further, we believe that the decrease is more in appearance than in reality, owing to imperfect reports that are sent in without a careful consideration and search for accurate statistics; and further, if we glance over the reports for the past thirty-five years, we find that notwithstanding the fact that the report from Jan. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899, showed a loss of 3,666, and the report from Jan. 1, 1881, to Jan. 1, 1882, gave a loss of 10,999, yet there has been a gain of 49,785, and a loss of 22,987, leaving a net gain of 26,798, an average of 766 a year on the side of gain; and this with several schools each year failing to make any report.

Here are the facts as they have been given to us by the Sunday school workers in all parts of the State, telling the story for themselves. This is a matter of vast importance, of vital interest. Let it have the prominent place that it should, and we are sure that if these suggestions are followed, *i. e.*, a more definite interest in the Sunday school work be felt in the home, in the church, among the adult members, in local conference, and in the General Association, there will be no further need of looking for the cause of decrease, for there will be such an increase and growth as even the most sanguine Sunday school enthusiast never yet dreamed of.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

We believed the best method to obtain the report we needed was through the superintendents, and by neither pastor nor clerk.

The returns received were as follows: —

226 schools report a gain of	8,054
182 schools report a loss of	5,271
31 schools report the same as last year, leaving a net gain of	2,783

Should the schools not reporting have gained or lost in like ratio (and we see no reason why they should not), we would more than counterbalance the reported loss of last year.

Now there is a seeming discrepancy between the above figures and those given by the secretary of the Association. We believe that this can be accounted for largely to the fact that we have included the Home Department in our report, and it is doubtful if these are included in the report of the secretary. We would therefore suggest that each Sunday school hereafter report its Home Department separate from that of the general school.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY.[1]

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, SECRETARY, DANVERS.

The Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply respectfully presents to the General Association of Massachusetts its sixth annual report.

During the year ending at the first of May we have rendered service in matters connected with pastoral settlements to one hundred and fifty-six churches. Of these churches there were in Massachusetts 71, in Maine 18, in New Hampshire 21, in Vermont 10, in Rhode Island 2, in Connecticut 7, in New York 7, in North Carolina 1, in South Carolina 1, in Kentucky 1, in Missouri 1, in Ohio 1, in Minnesota 1, in South Dakota 1, in North Dakota 1, in Kansas 1, in Nebraska 1, in Illinois 1, in Wisconsin 1, in Colorado 2, in Utah 2, in Oregon 1, in Washington 2, and in Nova Scotia 1.

We include in this reckoning nothing except that which has been done officially in reply to requests from authorized representatives of churches. Much besides has been done indirectly in answer to inquiries not strictly official, of which no account has been made. We do not reckon here the furnishing of occasional or temporary supplies. It is not meant that pastoral settlements corresponding to the number of churches thus given have been directly brought about in connection with the work of our office; but distinct official consultations relative to the filling of the pastorate have taken place to the extent above stated.

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The number of actual settlements in which we have had an important share has been fifty-four. In very many other cases where no settlement has directly occurred, the service has been regarded as important and valuable, and has met with hearty recognition.

Many ministers have also had conference with us respecting the acceptance of calls from churches which have not themselves corresponded with us, and these are not counted in the reckoning as it has been given. Many consultations have been had with ministers who were considering the question of leaving their fields of labor. Sometimes, under such conditions, the pastor has decided to remain with new hopefulness, and has had, afterward, occasion to rejoice in the prosperity of his work. Frequent inquiries come to our office concerning terms of pastoral settlement and modes of procedure in that relation. And it is probable that in some such cases helpful suggestions may have been made which the minister himself might have hesitated to offer.

A considerable part of the duty of our office from the first has been in the furnishing of safeguards against the employment, by the churches, of unworthy men. The proportion of such men in our Congregational ministry is exceedingly small, yet the actual number is large enough to call for concern and caution. The methods employed for getting access to the churches are sometimes peculiar. In one striking instance, during the early years of our work, letters of inquiry began to come to us concerning a man about whom another man had been writing in terms of warm and expressive commendation. When this man, thus commended, was engaged to preach in any church, another man and not the man commended appeared to come. It was not easy to discover the reason; but the aptitude for enlargement of personality by name or by aggregation or by fissural reproduction was clear and wonderful. After courteous letters of inquiry from our office concerning records and credentials, one of the men or names of men would depart from us for a season. Sometimes he had a call to a flourishing church in Alabama, or he went to assist our Baptist brethren in the coasts of New Hampshire and Maine, or, more commonly, he took up evangelistic work in the parts round about Chicago. Other names or fissions, however, shortly appeared, until in all they or he were seven. But under continuing kindly inquiry all at length — he, they, or it — vanished from among us. Multifarious letters that would be of interest to the student remain in our office. This legion is gone out. But the writing and issuing commendations of one's self over the signature of another person, imaginary or real, does not appear to have wholly ceased from among the ostensible Congregational ministers of New England. With all adventurers and with men of immoral life the changing of names is a frequent occurrence. We do what we can to gather material for identification which can be used for the security of the churches.

We have already in our office carefully collected records and statements concerning more than seventeen hundred Congregational ministers. The number is rapidly increasing. It is intended that it shall in no long time

include the pastors of all our churches in the eastern States, and indeed far beyond these limits.

Opportunities for preaching have been furnished during the year to 169 men. One hundred of these men were accounted candidates for settlement. In many cases the opportunities were repeated. The whole number of occasional supplies furnished amounts to 344. This does not include the preaching of candidates nor of men who have been supplying for a limited but considerable period of time in one place, nor the preaching of the secretary. The average weekly number of occasional supplies has been about six and three fifths. During the months from December to March, inclusive, it was but four. The number of men ready to preach has been many times greater.

Both as to candidates and supplies, it is to be considered that the work of our office is in some respects self-limiting. In so far as it may be well done, there may be less to do.

The secretary has preached on forty-eight Sundays of the year. On the other four Sundays his services were not called for. His preaching has been, to a great extent, in the smaller churches, which has been because he has been most wanted in small places. The average pay for his preaching has been $10.68. The average distance travelled, going and coming, has been eighty-seven and one half miles; and the total for the year has been about forty-two hundred miles.

Of the whole number of churches conferring with us in matters relative to the pastorate, there were 24 having a membership of over 300; 46 having a membership of from 100 to 300; and 86 having a membership of less than 100. Of these churches, 21 pay a salary of over $2,000; 44, a salary of between $1,000 and $2,000; and 91, a salary of less than $1,000.

The number of churches in Massachusetts without pastors is reckoned by us as 38. Four of these are churches that have made no effort to secure pastors for many years.

We render service in securing pastoral settlement only to those who are already enrolled or plainly entitled to enrollment in the lists of Congregational ministers. The secretary is not permitted to act in the matter of inducting men into the ministry of our denomination. He has not been restless under this restriction.

In collecting information concerning ministers the purpose is to bring together the opinions of intelligent and fair-minded men and women who have had means of knowledge. The judgment of a considerable number of persons is secured wherever this is possible, in order to avoid or lessen the risk of misrepresentation through individual prejudice in any direction. The business of the secretary in this connection is to collate and consider the testimonies which come to him, and to prepare from them fair and truthful summaries for the use of committees of churches. The judgment which he is expected to give is not, ordinarily, or scarcely at all, his own judgment, but it is his judgment of the general judgment. If he has been careless in collecting this general judgment, or if he does not convey it fairly, he is at fault. He is a collector but he is not a creator of

reputations. If in any case the product of the collecting process is not all that could be desired it might be more effectual to apply the remedy to the facts, rather than to the helpless individual whose evil fortune it has been to be compelled to have knowledge of them.

To a considerable extent the opinions thus brought together are the opinions of ministers concerning their brethren in the ministry. It is proper and pleasant to say that the communications which come from ministerial sources to our office bear upon them, as a whole, clear marks of carefulness and of kindness. They are not often distinctly critical or sharp or envious. To a very great extent they are discriminating and kindly both at once. The general tone of this large correspondence is in a high degree creditable to the character and quality of our Congregational ministry. It is distinctly helpful also as furnishing in part the basis for the work of our office. It affords materials for judgment and examples of what the judgments given on other men should be. Under these conditions it would be a failure without excuse if the statements which go forth from our office respecting ministers were not themselves marked somewhat with discrimination and with kindness.

Many inquiries have come to us from outside the State respecting the organization and methods of our Board. Extensive correspondence has been had with committees of the General Conferences of Vermont and Michigan and with representative men in New York and elsewhere. There is a growing belief that some more general provision must be made for the doing throughout the whole country of that which we are endeavoring to do in Massachusetts. The form which will finally be taken cannot be known. Some speak of a single central office; others of two offices or three, co-ordinated and working together, and others of still different plans. The practical difficulty of financial support is everywhere recognized, and also the need of carefulness that nothing vital nor valuable in our Congregational polity should suffer harm.

It is well known that an agency for pastoral supply has been for two or three years in operation in Illinois. It is under the direction of a state committee, but its actual work is done in close connection with the office of the secretary of the State Home Missionary Society. Its expenses are light, and they are met by fees from the ministers and churches that are served. We suppose it employs no one who gives his time wholly to the business. Its management is in excellent hands, and its work is of great value. More recently an office upon the same plan has been opened in Ohio. Both of these agencies have had from the first whatever assistance the experience of our Board could enable us to furnish. We are not the less interested in their success because their organization is unlike ours. With the conditions existing in those states, the method followed is doubtless the best. And indeed it is, doubtless, at present, the only practicable method.

There is not with them as yet so strong and compact a body of Congregational churches as we have in Massachusetts and the adjoining states for the support of such an agency. They are likely to be embarrassed by

the smallness of the administrative force which they may be able to employ, and by the consequent limitations of the work that can be done. Yet it is most heartily to be hoped that they will go on and prosper. These experiments running in part on lines unlike to ours will help the more in leading us all into the methods which may prove most safe and effective.

It should be added that there is in Connecticut a committee for the State which serves, we think, without expense, and which gives aid by correspondence to churches and ministers in the matter of pastoral settlements. Its counsel cannot fail to be valuable to whatever extent it is sought.

The general interest in this subject has appeared also in extended notices in English papers of the work of our Board.

The account of H. N. Ackerman, treasurer of the Board, is as follows: —

EXPENSES.

Rent and care of room	$354 00
Electric light	8 30
Awning	3 50
Repairing clock	50
Stationery	43 64
Advertising	46 20
Postage	69 45
Telegraph and telephone	11 89
Travelling expenses	88 57
Salary of secretary's assistant	450 00
Salary of the secretary	2,000 00
	$3,076 05
Balance due April 30, 1899	862 52
	$3,938 57

RECEIPTS.

Preaching by secretary	$513 00
Office fees	223 75
Special gifts from churches	33 37
H. P. Emerson, treasurer	2,529 19
Balance due the Board April 30, 1900	639 26
	$3,938 57

There is also interest on delayed payments of the secretary's salary, at four per cent, to April 30, $341.38.

A considerable addition has been made to the furnishing of the office at the expense of one of the members of the Board. Nearly the whole outfit of the office from the first has been provided for by individual gifts without expense to the churches, at a cost of more than $400. There is now due the secretary $639.25. There are no other debts. The indebtedness last year was $862.52, a decrease of $223.27. In our last report we estimated the amount needed for the maintenance for the Board, over

and above the cash receipts of the office, to be $2,300. The actual balance of expense has exceeded the estimate by $5.92. There are fees due to the office which will somewhat more than cover this amount. The requirements of the Board would be almost exactly met by a contribution of two cents for each church member, which is the same with the amount proposed to be raised for the year just closed. We ask that this sum may be given us this coming year.

We share fully in the desire that this burden should be made as light as possible. Our schedule of office fees has been revised, giving some increase of receipts. The new scale was in operation for only a part of the year; and the gain for the next year will be larger. At present, all ministers, Massachusetts ministers included, are charged a commission of ten per cent for sums received for preaching outside the State, and for pastoral settlements one per cent of the salary to be received. All ministers from outside the State are charged at the same rate for opportunities for preaching in Massachusetts. But for such opportunities Massachusetts ministers pay nothing. And for settlements within the State no ministers pay anything. In other words, for opportunities furnished outside the State all ministers pay fees; and within the State no fees are paid except by ministers from abroad who have opportunities for preaching as occasional supplies. The receipts of the office would be somewhat increased if similar charges were made to Massachusetts men for these supplies within the State; but it has not as yet seemed best to the Board to do this.

It was stated in our report of last year that the payments received for work of many sorts beyond the limits of the State are small and inadequate to the service rendered; and also that it is not easy to devise a full remedy without an appearance of narrowness which we have not thought our churches would wish us to present. Many inquiries are received which we hesitate to follow with a bill of indebtedness. Often they may come from Home Missionary secretaries or superintendents. Often they may be concerned with settlements which are not yet wholly of our proposing, and for which it is hard to tell what compensation we should receive. It is likely, however, that our practice in this respect may be further revised and financially tightened. Yet it is to be considered that if all this work outside the State were to be cut off, our actual expenses would not be much lessened; so that in this point of view it is not costly, and it brings us incidental advantages in many respects.

As to fees for settlements within the State, we have been most clear in thinking that the policy of the Board from the first should be sustained, and that no such charge should be made. The Board exists for the benefit primarily of the churches. It has been administered always with the interests of the churches first in mind. Recommendations or statements concerning ministers are never, under any circumstances whatever, made with a view first to the finding a settlement for any man, but always with the purpose of doing that which shall be most to the advantage of the church conferring with us. And the main advantage of our work as a

whole is experienced by the churches, though the ministers have a share. It fits with this main and decisive purpose, that the cost of the work should be chiefly borne by the churches.

It is better, too, we are sure, that the churches of the State should adhere to their purpose, wisely formed and repeatedly expressed, of meeting this expense in some manner by general contributions from the whole body, rather than by casting it all upon the particular churches or the particular men that may happen at any time to be aided. The benefits of the system as improving the quality and efficiency of ministerial service are general benefits. The weaker churches which need our service most are the least able to meet its cost. They need the help of the stronger churches. And there is nothing, scarcely, we think, in which our principle of fellowship among the churches finds a more useful or needful expression. The concentration of expense upon the particular times when service might be required would make the burden at such times heavy. The churches would often feel unable to bear it and would miss the service. Our general contribution distributes the burden, somewhat as men do, wisely, for insurance. Then, and in additional controlling importance, it can be seen that the work itself of our office is likely to be better done while its cost is provided for as at present. It is done with greater freedom and with stricter responsibility, both at once. If the office had its support by the making of particular settlements, it would come under a certain suspicion or temptation of a business sort which it is better that it should not meet. And if the churches as a body should cease in some way to maintain the office, they would lose somewhat of the proper authority which they ought to have upon it. Those administering the office would feel some loosening of that most wholesome sense of full and strict and constant public obligation which ought never to be relaxed for a moment. It is not unsuitable to say that the man within our office is under heavy burdens, with delicate duties and subtle temptations. He needs the courage which comes by some general public relationship and support, and he needs the strengthening of heart and purpose which is brought by constant and cleansing thoughts of full public obligation and public watchfulness. Any occupant of the office would sorely miss both the sympathy with him and the authority over him if either were withdrawn or lessened. It is fortunate, too, now, with us in every way that the means for the enforcement of obligation by the directors of the Board are at hand, through the copying of every written word concerning any minister and the record of every day and place of preaching.

All these things stand related to the support of the Board in some manner, generally by the body of our churches as represented in this Association. Outside the State we have indeed now, what may be called the method of particular support, so far as it goes. But the work being controlled and chiefly maintained in Massachusetts, it is possible to carry a good measure of this sense of close public responsibility into what is done beyond the State. Yet there is felt in the office a continual risk of some creeping in of looser and less rigid principles. Our own methods are most safe.

Referring here again to the admirable agencies in Illinois and Ohio, it ought to be said that our brethren there have not, as we suppose, set out with a method of support different from ours because they judged it better in itself, but rather because it seemed for them the only method at present practicable. And it is to be considered, too, that the connection there existing between the work of the Pastoral Supply and the offices of the Home Missionary Society, while it has its embarrassments, does yet bring with it a measure of that public concern and public strength and public responsibility which are so much to be valued.

We should be ready ourselves to learn wisdom from every quarter. But while there are going on these shapings or beginnings of future things for the whole country, it is clearly best that we should hold fast the features of our own system which tend to make it most responsible and most safe. And it may be that further lightening of financial burdens will come with future wide extensions or modifications of our present methods, embracing a larger constituency of churches.

The general problems with which we have to deal are confessedly difficult. The embarrassments, especially, which are felt by many of our brethren in the ministry, are most serious, and they are hard or impossible wholly to remove. Salaries have fallen often at the same time that the general scale or cost of life has been raised. The amount of what is termed ministerial unrest may frequently be exaggerated in the statements made concerning it. The readiness of a man to change his place under the pressure that comes upon him ought not always to be called unrest. In many such cases we have ourselves constantly the wish that opportunities for change and improvement might be found where none appear. The power we have to render help falls continually far behind the desire we have to do it. But it should also be said with earnestness and thankfulness that despite the pressure in many cases of trying conditions the pastors of our churches are as a whole, we believe, prosperous and happy in their work beyond what falls to the average lot of man in other callings in life.

We repeat the request, often made before, that there should be no hesitation in pointing out whatever may appear to be error or neglect in the management of our work. It is the business of our office to get light by which it can correct its own errors and get clear somewhat of mistakes. We should hope to have no pride in this matter unless perhaps it were the pride of being able to go backward as well as forward. The churches and the ministers of Massachusetts have given to our Board much of support and much of confidence. We do not suffer ourselves to think, brethren, that we are not greatly in your debt. We ought not, perhaps, to say that if you will be patient with us, we will repay you all; but we can say, have further patience with us and we will repay you all we can.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

"Matters relating to the observance of the Lord's Day have had an unusually prominent place at the annual meetings of this General Association since the year 1891." These are opening words of the report made before this body in 1898, and they show the importance attached to this subject by the association. It is not an exaggerated estimate. It is well that a place has been made for a report this year. Fortunately the thorough presentation and discussion of this subject before this body in former years makes the task of your committee less difficult this year.

To repeat the arguments, appeals, and recommendations, so ably presented in previous reports, would be a waste of time. They ought still to be used as campaign documents. Touching the matter of Sunday observance, the conditions remain much the same from year to year, and all the reasons heretofore given in defence of the Lord's Day need still to be urged with as much frequency and cogency as ever. They might well be multiplied and strengthened.

The efforts to secularize and destroy the Sabbath are as determined and audacious as ever. The foes of the Sabbath are as alert, insidious, and persistent in their assaults upon this bulwark of our civilization as ever. Devices for evading the statute laws on Sunday observance are as ingenious, sinister, and specious as ever. The plea, in the name of personal liberty, for what, as a matter of fact, is the utmost license and lawlessness, touching Sunday legislation is urged with more subtility and sophistry than ever. The spirit of commercialism and greed is more assertive than ever. The apparent apathy of good people is as widespread and prevalent as ever. The difficulty of getting good men, immersed in business, to give thoughts, time, and personal attention to enforcing the legitimate claims of the Sabbath is as great as ever.

Such considerations as these, united with the fact of the low tide of spiritual life in the churches, justify the assertion that the Lord's Day, as a divine institution, was never in greater peril than at the present time. It is still on the defensive, and must make a strenuous and persistent fight to maintain its ancient prestige and influence as the best ally of the Church and a constructive and conserving force in the life of the Commonwealth.

It is always wise to observe the drift of things. Two or three noticeable tendencies may be mentioned.

First. The Lord's Day is becoming more of a holiday, devoted to pleasure seeking. Railroad and steamboat excursions, bicycle meets, golfing, yachting, driving, sleigh-riding and skating in winter, evening concerts, receptions, musicals, and various social functions are increasing. Thus the Puritan idea is yielding to the Continental usage.

Second. While the workingmen, as a body, though not fully agreed, are becoming more urgent in their demand for one rest-day in seven, — not necessarily the Sabbath, — some, if not most, of the great corporations and industries are becoming more tyrannical and reluctant to grant their employees this inalienable right.

Third. It is not worth while for the friends of the Sabbath to look to the Legislature of Massachusetts for help. The tendency of recent legislation is to weaken the force of existing Sunday laws. It *may* not be many years before most of them will be swept from the statute books.

Our chief confidence must be in the living God and in enlightened and quickened Christian sentiment. Old, threadbare truths and principles must somehow be freshened in the public mind. Frequent reiteration in the pulpit, in the Sunday school, in the prayer-meeting, in the Christian Endeavor societies, of the claims of the Lord's Day upon the individual, upon the Church, upon the State, and upon the community, is absolutely indispensable. It must be "line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little." The educational process is the most potent and hopeful factor in the problem.

Down-to-date literature, fresh, pertinent, convincing, bristling with the latest and best attested facts, scientific and ethical, briefly put, ought to be scattered broadcast through the Commonwealth. The Church ought to be prompt in availing itself of every possible opportunity to secure the co-operation of the laboring men, personally and through their organizations, in the good work. They have shown themselves amenable to wise proposals. It were much better to have them as allies than enemies, though it must not be expected that they will at present support us in all our measures.

The New England Sabbath Protective League is doing a great work, and deserves the most cordial and universal co-operation and support of the churches. It waits to serve, and asks the churches and the community to use it to the utmost. There is no better agency through which to do effective work. It would be a great gain if there were auxiliaries in every city and considerable town in the State.

The *Defender* improves every year. It ought to have the widest possible circulation. Pastors would do well to put it into the homes of their people.

The most fatal mistake is to imagine that nothing needs to be done; that all is going well; that the Sabbath is so intrenched in the hearts of the people that it can never be lost. There is a trumpet call just now to incessant watchfulness, prayer, and well-directed effort in its defence. Its ablest and wisest champions and defenders are the evangelical ministry and churches. To them comes, this hour, the old appeal, reinforced by the fact of new perils, but, likewise, by the assurance of new grounds of confidence and hope.

The Christian Church and the Christian Sabbath, identical in aim, will live or die together. They will not die, because God is on the throne and Christ is in the world.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST GAMBLING.

Evidence that this committee has serious business in its care is found in the determined attempt recently made to induce the Legislature to repeal the statutes forbidding pool-selling at races.

Such bills have been introduced at other sessions, but the appearance of a strong body of remonstrants has hitherto led the petitioners to withdraw without a hearing. This year the bill took the form of a petition for local option to legalize betting upon the enclosed grounds of agricultural, breeders', and similar societies incorporated within the Commonwealth. Before the Committee on Agriculture it was pressed with an unprecedented force of the best legal talent and representations from influential citizens. To the best of their ability your committee has united with others to oppose this measure. At this writing the issue is still undecided, but it is expected that further vigorous work will be indispensable to secure its final defeat.

Your committee notes with pleasure that gambling has been steadily repressed and prevented for another year at both Mystic and Combination Parks at Medford. Honor is again due to Lewis H. Lovering, the faithful mayor of that city, who has thus, against the most persistent efforts on the part of the track people, enforced the law through the three summers in which he has held office.

Offering this as a report of progress, we recommend that the association appoint a similar committee to continue the work during the coming year.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WIDER CIRCULATION OF RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Brethern of the Association: Your committee has searched for its proper domain of work. Our predecessors, ably led for five years by Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, made its chief business to gather second-hand reading matter, both secular and religious, thousands of publications from many parishes, sending some to light-keepers or mariners of Maine, some to Southern Highlanders and Negroes, and the remainder to any who might receive them. Your present committee has done nothing of this kindly service. Perhaps such work is accomplished sufficiently through

missionary barrels and by private subscribers who enjoy having their papers and magazines re-read. It is well known that, in many hospitals and institutions of reform in our State religious literature will be gladly welcomed.

These neighborly attentions do not seem to need the stimulus of our State Association, nor does it seem fitting for this committee to perform missionary functions in behalf of other States. Our work is primarily to improve the churches of Massachusetts. To secure wider reading of religious literature among our own people is not an easy task, but it is an important one. The printed word becomes a mighty colleague or a bitter opponent of the pulpit and church. When the busy pastor of Topeka, Kan., will undertake to publish for a week a daily paper that might observe the fair claims of religious truth, and is ready to be pilloried throughout the English-speaking world for his failure, he marks at least one Congregational clergyman who recognizes the importance of religious reading.

Obviously the main reliance for wider circulation of religious literature is private enterprise. No paper or book that is uninteresting to the Christian public can or should be bolstered up by a church or association committee. Nevertheless, to excite an appetite for religious reading is Christian work that redounds to any church with a good increase of intelligence and grace.

The first book that needs pushing is the Bible. Of its own self it makes a way into many hearts, but many church members in this Commonwealth are weak Christians because they do not feed on the Word, and pastors fail to urge Bible-reading. The Christian Endeavor pledge to read the Bible every day is an impulse of the Holy Ghost. The members of our churches who do not look into a Bible from week to week, and who know not the Gospel of John from an Epistle of John, are legion.

The next sort of religious literature of the *vade mecum* class is the journal that brings a weekly or monthly budget of church news. If not the Acts of the Apostles, these are at least the Acts of the Saints. While it is true that now-a-days the secular newspapers report church happenings, conventions, sermons, and so forth, in a larger measure than ever before, there is need of additional and special treatment of our own denomination.

Journals like the *Outlook* and the *Independent* are esteemed purveyors of broad religious concerns. They enlarge and deepen the Christian intelligence so that most pastors who preach to minds already awakened by these journals feel the mental uplift. Common ground is established. The more thoroughly religious though undenominational papers, like the *Sunday School Times*, *Christian Endeavor World*, and others, are widely taken in our parishes as the tools of Christian workers. These papers are in many cases veritable associate pastors.

But better than any others for the interests of this Association are the papers of our own denomination. The *Congregationalist*, as a distinctive organ and well representing our State as well as all of New England, and the *Advance*, a valuable Western paper, should receive a wider reading among our people because of the benefits which they bring to the churches.

We are not at all afraid of being a unified denomination, and we perceive a bond of union that is vital in a paper which enters our homes with staunch loyalty to all our missionary boards, clear and intelligent views of what concerns our sisterhood of churches, and vigorous suggestions for the use of such tools as Congregationalism affords. If the people of our parishes depended for their knowledge of our denominational work upon what many pastors give, our missionary boards would suffer more than they do, and our loss of prestige among the churches of Christ would be deplorable. Any pastor may ascertain from the club agent in his parish how many copies of our Congregational publications are taken. He will usually find that not more than half the families financially able are subscribers. The need is a word from the pastor upon loyalty and educational values.

The same urgency on behalf of our missionary journals including *Congregational Work*, is recommended by your committee. The missionary societies in almost any of our churches would profit by a larger familiarity with such literature. A reading club in Cambridge has read "The Missionary Review of the World," Bryce's "South Africa," Gulick's "Missionary Progress," etc. Several pastors and Sabbath School teachers formed temporary reading clubs during the last season of Lent to enjoy together some of the best thoughts that authors have written upon the holy themes of life.

Many public libraries show a very small circulation of religious books. The reason is partly because the most interesting are not on the shelves. Whose fault is it? There are only seven towns without a public library in the three hundred and fifty-three of our Commonwealth. The functions of a Sabbath school library may be supplemented by these larger institutions. Should not our Sabbath school teachers or the pastors see that the town librarians make lists of books dealing with the life of Christ or missionary biography for the use of our young people? Already this service has been done, and frequently enough to commend it.

In any reform or progress in the work of circulating religious literature more widely, the key to the situation is with the pastor. The work of your committee is principally to remind him of his opportunity, and to gather such facts as the Association may desire. If this work requires the appointment of a committee for another year the Association will recognize the fact.

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TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Your Committee of Outlook on Temperance, appointed last year, with special instructions to consider the South Carolina dispensary system as a substitute for the licensed saloon, present herewith their report: —

The temperance outlook in our own State, in its legal and legislative aspects, remains practically the same as last year, as, by general consent among the temperance organizations, no effort has been put forth to amend the existing laws, and all attempts on the part of those opposed to their enforcement to modify these laws have been successfully met in the committee rooms of the General Court, although several bills are now pending before the Legislature.

Renewed discussion, however, has been given to the topic of temperance instruction in the public schools by the recent experiments of Professor Atwater of Wesleyan University, whereby he claims to have verified the partially acknowledged fact that alcohol taken in limited quantities into the human body is oxidized, and so produces a certain amount of heat, thus performing the *fuel* function of food.

These results have been widely circulated through the press and by public addresses given by the author of these experiments before associations of teachers and superintendents in New England and elsewhere, and have created widespread apprehension and some misapprehension among the friends of temperance; while equally widespread has been the deliberate perversion of the facts by persons commercially and socially interested.

From many sources vigorous and rebutting answers have been made to the proposition that alcohol is a food and not a poison, both from the physiological and moral standpoints. Notable among these replies was the pamphlet, "An Appeal to Truth," issued by the advisory boards of several national temperance societies under the direction of the Northfield Committee appointed last August by the Conference of Christian Workers.

It is to be remembered that the values of all such experiments are scientific and pathological, and therefore the popular claim that these investigations have proven alcohol to be nutritious as a beverage, and its moderate use a blameless habit, is not only entirely unauthorized by the facts but repudiated by the investigator himself, so that alcoholism still remains the same perilous and demoralizing habit it has always been.

The trend, however, of the discussion upon these chemical experiments, with their annexed and unscientific inferences, points, if we mistake not, to a coming temperance battle in the near future over the expert revision of the temperance text-books now in use in the public schools of the State. If, for any reason, such a revision shall be deemed necessary, we trust it may be committed to a thoroughly representative commission,

whose scientific standing and moral character shall command alike the confidence and respect of teachers and physicians and the friends of temperance instruction in the schools; for we believe that no backward step, either in method or in the integrity of the teaching would be permitted by the public sentiment of the Commonwealth. In this connection it is encouraging to note the reaffirmed loyalty of our teachers and superintendents to the theory and practice of temperance instruction in the public schools of the land, as witness the unanimously adopted resolution of the informal conference of educators and temperance representatives recently held in Boston to carry out the provisions of the present school law in Massachusetts, and also the hearty commendation of the National Superintendents' Association in Chicago.

The theory that the effects of stimulants and narcotics must be taught in the public school system. Following in the same line of corroborative testimony are the returns from the various school committees of the Commonwealth, now being published by the secretary of the State Board of Education. It will be remembered that these questions were sent out at the request of the legislative committee before whom the hearings of last year were conducted, to ascertain how generally the provisions of the present law, in its special temperance requirements, were carried out in the three hundred and fifty-three towns and cities of the State. These questions were explicit as to the time taken, the text-books or charts used, and the character of the instruction given; and the answers, as classified by the secretary, indicate definite compliance with the existing law in three hundred and thirty-seven towns and cities, representing over ninety-eight per cent of the population of the State. The remaining sixteen towns report compliance, but of an irregular character. Allowing for the varying personal equation and standard in these returns as to what constitutes compliance, the report is commended to your perusal as an evidence of the law-abiding spirit in Massachusetts towns, as well as the loyalty of her teachers in teaching these principles in our public schools.

Attention is also called to the special report submitted by the Mayor's Committee upon the "Penal Aspects of Drunkenness," to the Board of Aldermen in Boston, last January, a report remarkable for its exhaustive local study and its suggested civil remedies. Two bills have already been introduced into the General Court by this committee, whose double purpose is the extension and increased efficiency of the probation system in cases of fines and first offenders, and greater unity of practice among the city courts, in dealing with such cases. The bearing of this legislation upon commitments for drunkenness is apparent when it is remembered how largely such cases dominate the dockets of our Municipal Courts.

With this annual review of temperance interests in our own State, and leaving untouched some exigent national issues, now pending in our colonial governments, we turn to the special investigation committed to us, viz.: the Dispensary System of South Carolina. A *dispensary* (it is to be noted) is a place where supplies of one sort or another are given out under regulated conditions, and this is the word which gives the name to a

system under which, in an appointed place and with definite regulations imposed by the State, all liquor sales are made by an accredited agent. This was the system initiated in South Carolina by the State Legislature in 1892. Politically, this Legislature was pledged to the enactment of a prohibitory law, but under the leadership of Governor Tillman and for the sake of revenue, the Gothenburg plan, which had been successfully tried in the town of Athens, Ga., was adopted as a compromise measure and made the basis of a general dispensary law for the entire State. This law provided that the exclusive control of the liquor business should be vested in the State, and created a general Board of Control, with a special commissioner appointed by the Governor to carry out the details of the system. County Boards of Control were also appointed by the State Board for local supervision, and the law went into effect in July of the following year (1893).

As already suggested, the peculiar features of the law gather about the dispensary,— its establishment and conduct in communities where, upon the formal request of a majority of the voters in the district, it is to be located. The rules governing the dispensary are as follows: It shall be plainly fitted up, open from sunrise to sunset of each day, except Sundays, public holidays and days of election.

The petition of the applicant for the place of dispenser must be signed by a majority of the freeholders in the municipality where the dispensary is to be established, and he shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties.

All liquors sold shall be delivered in sealed packages and cannot be opened or drank upon the premises of the dispensary, the minimum package being one half pint of strong liquors and the maximum five gallons. All wines or malt liquors to be sold only by the bottle, and no sales to be allowed to minors or habitual drunkards; and all sales shall be made upon an application blank properly filled out and signed by each purchaser the books of the dispensary to be open always for the inspection of citizens.

All officials and agents appointed by the State for the conduct of this business to be *salaried* persons and of known temperance principles and habits.

The profits accruing from the dispensary sales to be devoted to the public school fund of the State and divided without discrimination between the several counties. Thus, under the dispensary system it is proposed,—

First. That only pure liquors shall be sold, as certified by the State chemist.

Second. That the element of private gain and personal interest shall be eliminated from the liquor traffic.

Third. That all social enticement and convivial habit, such as ordinarily inhere in the licensed saloon, shall as far as possible be put away.

In theory the dispensary system commends itself to every thoughtful man as a notable civic attempt to suppress the commercial and social abuse of the saloon.

In practical results, however, it is difficult to measure its moral and social values, because of the political conditions and varying legal fortunes under which it has been tried.

Cradled in a political conspiracy, which, from the first, alienated its friends and weighted it with deep personal animosities, the dispensary law was many times adjudged unconstitutional, thereby producing great moral and legal confusion in the public mind, and giving encouragement to all kinds of illicit practices.

At length, the law was declared constitutional by the United States Supreme Court, in May, 1898, and the State given ample police powers to control the liquor traffic within its own boundaries. Since that time the system has had an open field and a fair chance, with the result that, on the whole, it seems to be approving itself increasingly to the better public sentiment of the State. As was to be expected, the law has met the allied and abiding opposition of the prohibition party on the one side and that of the advocates of an unrestricted liquor traffic on the other; but the system is gradually being modified to meet its own weaknesses, and under an honest administration we may expect better results.

Already this law and system has commended itself to the neighboring States of North Carolina and parts of Georgia and Alabama, as well as South Dakota; and while it is exceedingly difficult at such arm's length as ours and amid widely diverse reports to pass upon the real merits of the system, yet the following claims seem tolerably well founded: —

That the consumption of the stronger liquors has steadily decreased, a conservative estimate being one third, while the nearly seventy per cent reduction in the number of United States licenses in the forty-one larger towns and cities in the State points in the same direction, but the consumption of malt liquors appears to be upon the increase

That under the dispensary system general drunkenness has likewise decreased, as well as those crimes which result from this fertile source of disorder. Further corroboration is given to this claim by the lessened number of commitments.

That the worst saloon influences have been largely eliminated and a corresponding tonic effect noted in the ways of orderliness and law-abiding habits, especially in the rural districts; and that the "blind tiger" of former years has less and less to live upon in the way of illicit business.

While recognizing these beneficent results in a system which has great possibilities for communities where a no-license vote is impossible, your committee would also note certain tendencies which, unless checked, will greatly vitiate, in their judgment, its general acceptance and practical use, viz.: the close alliance of the system with the politics of the State and those partisan methods of using a moral movement to strengthen a political machine, for this has already been the most damaging factor in the administration of the South Carolina plan.

We would also note the tendency to *push* the location of dispensaries and the sales of liquor in communities where they are not wanted, for the

sake of the revenue, which shall reduce the current taxes as well as increase the number of political appointees.

Moral difficulties in securing honest and capable officials have also been experienced, and the recent scandals which have seriously involved some agents of the State only make more apparent the reasons of their appointment.

Along with these political perils the ethical question projects itself: Whether, under a system so intimately allied with the civil and political interests of the Commonwealth, temperance sentiment in the education of the coming and active generation will go on to its moral and natural climax of total abstinence?

Such are some of the advantages and disadvantages of the dispensary system in South Carolina. And while your committee are not called upon to recommend temperance measures or compare other methods, the conviction has grown upon us in this study that for a Commonwealth like our own some modified form of the so-called Norwegian plan, with its voluntary companies of temperance men, is preferable to the dispensary system.

However, believing in local option as the ideal and practical temperance measure, with its no-license vote, your committee recognize the need in communities where such a vote is out of reach, of some such modified measures as these as an approach to that police control which the public has a right to demand in the conduct of a business which is the fruitful source of poverty and crime; and we look with hopefulness to such civil experiments as the dispensary system in giving the *clue* to a larger and wiser regulation of the liquor traffic.

One Word More!

The conviction has steadily deepened upon us in making this report that only via a popular campaign of temperance education can we approach even the partial and civil solutions of this problem. And while we would not abate the fullest and most conscientious use of the public school in its definite temperance instruction for our children, we would deepen, if possible, the duty of the hour in the pulpits of our Congregational churches in giving a larger place and power to this campaign of education against a traffic and a temptation which in all of our parishes is nullifying many of our best efforts for social and spiritual reform. Such a campaign of moral and scientific teaching on this momentous theme by the home, the school and the church, can alone carry the sentiment of the State up to the point where it can cope with a business which commands unlimited resources and is buttressed by an appetite and a vote.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. DAVIS.
ARTHUR H. WELLMAN.
FRANCIS E. BUNDY.
JESSIE A. BROWN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.[1]

Very soon after their appointment, at the last meeting of the State Association, the members of the Committee on Labor Organizations came together to perfect their organization, and discuss plans of operation for the new year.

Deacon James G. Buttrick, of Lowell, was chosen Chairman, and Rev. Frank W. Merrick, West Roxbury, Scribe.

Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Woburn, Mass., was added to the membership of the committee, in place of Mr. Spaulding, of Worcester, resigned; and Rev. E. L. House, of Dorchester, a former member of the committee, was also invited to resume his place among us.

After a survey of the work of the committee since its original appointment at Lynn (two of its present members, Messrs. Buttrick and Allbright, having served each year since that time), and after a thorough discussion of the field and the future, so far as these could be unfolded, it was unanimously decided not to attempt anything this year in the way of legislative enactment, but to make the work of the committee tell along the lines of education and correspondence.

This therefore has been the specific endeavor of your committee. The results cannot be tabulated in figures, or expressed in any detailed report. The fruit must be gathered, chiefly, by those who come after us.

Mention was made in our last report of the successful labors of this committee in securing legislative enactment for "an investigation of Sunday labor." That report has been published in pamphlet form by the Bureau of Statistics, of which Horace G. Wadlin, Esq., is Secretary. The pamphlet is designated " Sunday Labor." It is a valuable document, and has been widely distributed and quoted. We have not space here to present its findings, or to comment on the same. It is sufficient to say that it fully justifies the labor of your committee in securing its publication, and it has done valuable service in the line of our endeavor, by enlightening the public as to the encroachment of labor on the Sabbath, and the need of strenuous opposition against the secularizing tides of trade and travel.

The impact and momentum of this force which threatens to subjugate and beastialize the working men of this country by seven days of successive toil, was notably set forth by Dr. Thomas in his address at the late annual meeting of the Sunday Protective League. " Without a periodical rest day," said Dr. Thomas, " man is a slave, — his own or somebody else's. The man who has to work seven days a week ' to get a living ' is either somebody's slave or his own fool, or the victim of the mercilessness of an unchristian civilization. The men who would, if they could, deny such periodical rest, are at heart *tyrants*."

The situation of affairs outside of our own State is indicated in an article

headed America's Working People," by Charles B. Spohr, and is published in the "Outlook" of Sept. 2, 1899.

Special attention is called to that part of the article which treats of Sunday labor. A single sentence will suggest the tenor and trend of affairs: "If the Evangelical Alliance, that is trying to get the mills to run less on Sunday, would apply to some of the workmen, they would find that we want to work less on Sunday than the managers say." This is the statement of one of Mr. Carnegie's employees at Homestead, and is a refutation of the declaration that workingmen want to labor continuously, for wages or any other reason.

Your committee make mention of the courtesy of the directors of the Evangelical Alliance of Boston and vicinity in granting permission to use one of their bi-monthly meetings for the setting forth of the aims and activities of the Weekly Rest Day Union. The meeting was largely attended. A representative of the Federation of Workingmen spoke, with other able speakers. An effort was made to induce the manager of the Boston Elevated Road to present his view of the Sunday labor question as related to the several thousand motormen and conductors in its employ. He declined somewhat tartly, and reminded your committee that this corporation had "money enough to manage its own affairs, and that their men were better paid than the average clergyman."

As this report must of necessity be brief, we close with this quotation from Jonas Weener, Esq., president of the Massachusetts State Branch of American Federation of Labor, who has been in correspondence with your committee: "It is clearly our duty to do all we can to improve the condition of the wage workers by legislation or otherwise, and we would be pleased to work hand in hand with any organization or individual in sympathy with the labor movement."

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DANIEL EVANS.
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FRANK W. MERRICK, *Secretary.*
DOREMUS SCUDDER.
EDWIN L. HOUSE.

SUPPLEMENTAL.

The decision reached by our committee at the beginning of the year, to which allusion in this report has already been made, not to seek legislative action, is now felt, in the light of to-day, to have been a mistake, and for these two reasons: —

1. We have recently learned that several of the committee to whom our petition for a law was referred were in favor of its enactment, and that action to report it in the amended form in which it came before the Senate was taken by the committee in their absence.

2. We have also learned from members of this same committee that

the witnesses present at our "hearing," in opposition to our bill, professedly as representatives of the respective labor organizations to which they belonged, were sailing under false colors. Instead of appearing in the interest of these organizations, they were there really in the interests of the corporations for whom they worked. Their testimony was inspired by selfishness instead of a spirit of brotherhood, and was given in the interests of the employers rather than the employed.

Our law as contemplated would apply to 157 transportation companies which employ 46,233 persons, 40 per cent of whom work Sundays. The three largest of these 157 companies are as follows: —

Kind.	Number of Companies.	Average Number Employed on Week Days.	Per cent Employed Sundays.
Electrics	73	10,326	80
Steam Roads	9	27,480	24
Express	9	1,778	16 to 17

As only 26 per cent of the employees of all the systems of transportation, except the electrics, do Sunday work, while on the electrics 80 per cent are compelled to do it, we will only refer to this class of wage earners.

ELECTRICS.

With the exception of one company (in Conway, employing only 7 men), all these 73 electric companies work their men Sundays, of whom, 69 run their cars 52 Sundays a year. Fifteen roads employ, substantially, *all* their working force on Sundays, and 2 roads work more men on that day than on week days. The per cent of Sunday workers who are employed 52 Sundays a year is 99.50, the exception to the rule of continuous toil being where by a system of rotation, a man may occasionally get a day off. These statistics are taken from the "Sunday Labor" report of the Bureau of Statistics, which report answers these three questions so often asked: —

1. Why is this Sunday work necessary?

(*a*) Repair work which cannot be done without inconvenience on week days.

But we are told in this "Sunday Labor" report that "in no case is the Sunday service restricted to (necessary) repair work."

(*b*) Public demand.

It is a significant fact that of all the Sunday work of all these transportation companies 88.96 per cent is caused by travel of passengers on the Lord's day, leaving only 11 per cent to cover the transportation of mails, milk and other perishable articles.

2. Is this Sunday work optional or compulsory?

The bureau's report answers, "65 per cent," of these men are *compelled* to do Sunday work. None of them are allowed any time off under pay

during the week in lieu of Sunday work. Practically each man is required to agree when employed to do his share of Sunday work, and "in event of his refusal would, if circumstances required, be discharged."

3. Do the employees of these transportation companies desire to have one rest day in seven? These men speaking, — not speaking through their "bosses," but for themselves, — answer, "Yes, we do." The railroad employees say "Yes."

The telegraphers, trainmen, locomotive engineers, and the National Order of Railway Conductors *have declared against all Sunday* work, or if necessary in favor of one day's rest in seven.

The electric railway employees say, "Yes." Hear their answer as voiced in this "Sunday Labor" report: "Every year since 1895, when this proposition has been made to the members of the Association (Conductors and Motormen's Union), they have voted, at least 92 per cent, 'Yes,' and a small minority, about 8 per cent, 'No.'"

In closing our report allow us to urge the importance of this reform movement in which your committee is engaged as the growth of the electric roads is considered.

While the increase of traffic on the steam roads during the last 8 years (1890 to 1898) has been only 3 per cent, the increase of travel on the electric roads for the same period has been over 100 per cent.

In view of this continual increase of Sunday work by the rapid growth of the electric roads; in view of the fact that at the present time there is no regular system of providing one rest day in seven to these wage earners; in view of the fact that all these roads have a waiting list by which they can easily provide a system of rotation which will provide one rest day in seven; in view of the fact that five great labor organizations are demanding this rest day; and that 92 per cent of the employees of the electric roads are calling upon the church to help them secure this great natural right, — in view of these things we most earnestly urge the Association to instruct its committee on labor organizations for the ensuing year to attempt to secure from the next legislature this wise and beneficent legislation.

SALUTATIONS FROM REV. S. H. EMERY.

Brethren beloved, convened in the General Association of Massachusetts, at Amherst:

Appointed a delegate to your body from the Taunton Association, it is with sincere regret that I find myself unable to attend. Nor am I willing your meeting should close without receiving from me a most cordial greeting. Your place of meeting is to me attractive, associated as it is with a college course terminating in 1834. Graciously spared to be perhaps the only surviving member of the Associational meeting in Westboro, in 1842, my greeting to you may be regarded as a word of welcome from the living ministry and church militant of nearly three score years ago — a part of the "great cloud of witnesses, compassing us about," of which the Apostle Paul wrote. These living, loving "witnesses" must be interested in your meeting. Above all, the Great Head of the church be with you and bless you in your present coming together.

Affectionately your brother in Christ,

SAMUEL HOPKINS EMERY.

TAUNTON, MASS., 12th of May, 1900.

REPLY.

AMHERST, MASS., 17th May, 1900.

Dear Dr. Emery:

Your communication was presented to the General Association by the Rev. Clayton Welles. The Association took great pleasure in receiving a greeting from a veteran so ripe in years and experience, and so rich in labors for Christ, and still so vigorous in mind and body. In order to express its appreciation and congratulations in fitting manner it appointed us a committee for this purpose.

We rejoice in the continuation of your presence and influence to the present time. We congratulate you on your manifest enjoyment of the divine favor.

We venerate you as a father beloved in the church.

May God fulfil unto you all His promises, and keep you in His own peace.

Heartily in behalf of the General Association, we are yours in Christ,

PHILIP S. MOXOM, *Moderator*,
A. H. PLUMB,
S. CLAYTON WELLES,
} *Committee.*

EVERY PASTOR AN EVANGELIST.[1]

REV. FRANKLIN S. HATCH, MONSON.

An evangelist is not primarily a reaper. He may be or may not. The evangelist we are to consider is the publisher of good news. In this sense every pastor ought to be an evangelist.

What is the "good news"? That the Boers or the British are victorious? That some particular person did or did n't write the Pentateuch? That a novel creed or reform should be adopted or rejected? Some of these may be news; any one of them would be good news to somebody, and might be of some importance, and proper to mention. But no such thing is so vital to mankind, as to merit this characterization, — "The good news." What is the "good news"? That man is a sinner? This is no news. That sinners will surely be punished? No one would call that good news. That we ought to do right? That God will help us, if we try? That the divine law is holy? That Jesus was a beautiful character and should be obeyed and imitated? That our creeds should be sound and our personal belief correct? Surely these things are not "news" to our people. What is the "good news"? What message may every pastor proclaim with certainty of its supreme importance, its perfect quality, its perennial freshness? There is such a message, and we are not likely to differ as to its substance. Its range is infinite, but it has been stated for us in a single word: Salvation, full, free and offered to every man by God Himself. The word expressing the good news is less important than its content, and may vary. Jesus used another word, Life, eternal Life. Sometimes we employ the word pardon, not as the full word, but as the initial of the new life experience. Pardon, life, salvation is offered, illustrated, achieved, by Jesus the Christ. He accomplished it for man, through his own life, laid down and taken again. Hence the Evangel is summed up in His glorious name: "Jesus Christ and him crucified."

"The good news," then, is this: God now offers complete pardon, eternal *life*, full *salvation*, through Jesus Christ, to every man who will receive it; and this freely, with no added condition whatsoever. It is good; it contains the perfect excellence of God, himself. It is news. Life is always new, and the "glad tidings of great joy" are as new to-day as this particular spring time or as the child latest born into the world. Every pastor ought to be a publisher of this good news. It is our business, our particular, chief, and really our sole business. Whether we call ourselves preacher, shepherd, teacher, minister, our commission is still the same; *viz.*, to carry clear home to the hearts of men the good news.

We must not forget that a Christian Evangelist is also a witness. One may bring good news in a sealed packet, himself ignorant of its contents;

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or a wicked man may convince us that "honesty is the best policy." But the good news requires for successful propagation messengers who know the truth they bring. Any one can say, "Jesus forgave the sinful woman." The true Evangelist can add, "And he has forgiveu me." Any one can say "Jesus Christ is the Life," for we read it out of a book that is true. But the Evangelist of whom we are speaking can say also, "Christ liveth in me." Pastor-evangelists will differ in talents, in training, in heredity; they will often be fettered by the bonds of temperament and habit, but concerning the clean heart and the new life in Christ Jesus, we should be able to say to our congregations, "I would that all who hear me this day might become such as I am, except these bonds." News-bearers like these are always needed. They are especially needed here and now in the churches of our honored Commonwealth.

1. *The people are ignorant of the Gospel.*

Of course there is a sense in which men cannot know the gospel until they have made it a part of their experience. But here, where the gospel has been preached for generations, there are thousands do not know, even by hearsay, what the good news is. You reply, "impossible." Wait. Investigate. In your own parish you will find the proof that no overstatement has been made. Ask the boys and girls of your Sunday school. Ask some man who never enters the church. Seek out some publican or sinner and inquire, "Do you know the good news Jesus brought? What is it?"

One will reply, "I know I ought to be good." Another will say, "I suppose I ought to attend church." A third answers, "I intend to reform." You will receive many replies, but in general they will be stained with the idea that one must do some special deed, or series of deeds, in order that he may have eternal life. How few will say, "The good news is, God loves me, and has given his only-begotten Son for me, that I might have eternal life; that I may have pardon, and all that pardon involves; that I may have salvation, including righteousness, peace, joy, and every good thing needed in this world and in the world to come; and that I may have this freely, without a groan or a sigh or a tear, and have it now, for the taking."

Ignorance of the gospel is not only wide-spread and dense, but also likely to remain so, unless those who have tested the good news and found it true are continually proclaiming it, for there is always a mighty pull in the opposite direction. The will of man desires to earn, to merit, to achieve, eternal life. This feeling appears in all the utterances of legalistic minds. It clouds even our Christian literature. For example the ablest book written in recent years by any member of our State Conference contains these passages: "Until one shall agonize in the conflict with passion, and through heroic suffering put on the form of righteousness, there can be no improvement. . . . The law of entrance to the kingdom is the law of struggle, and it is a final necessity for every man. . . . There is but one salvation and that is righteousness. No man can get it in any world without an agony and a

bloody sweat." Such sayings are familiar. They seem scientific and imposing. Are they true? Has suffering any power whatever to produce righteousness? Is the law of entrance to the kingdom struggle or surrender? As a matter of fact can a man add one cubit to his stature or one iota of righteousness to his spiritual dimensions, though he agonize to all eternity?

Are such sayings "good news"? Test them in practice and you will soon find out. There is a sinner in your parish who has been beaten a thousand times in his struggle with passion and appetite. He is bruised, broken, bleeding, defeated, despairing. Will it be "good news" to him that he must "struggle," or dare we tell him such "good news" as this: "Just as you are, and where you are, One strong and mighty bends over you. Stop struggling and striving. Let Him place you on His shoulders and carry you to the fold." You desire to tell a little child the "good news." Will you gently as possible say, "Would you like to become a Christian? to be one of the lambs in the Saviour's fold? Well, you can be, Jesus wants you. But, you must struggle and agonize, for struggle is the law of entrance to the kingdom."

You say, "This is ridiculous." Of course it is. Anything for the human soul, except the gospel, is in the last resort ridiculous, as well as false. But, the good news of God's love to sinful men, love abundant, complete, satisfying, entirely efficient, and absolutely free to every man, is never ridiculous. Men may vary — do vary — in their way of approaching, rejecting, receiving, the gospel; but the Evangel is essentially one. Its essence is the love of God poured out freely and effectually for every soul who will receive it; and it can be proclaimed to helpless sinners, timid saints, afflicted believers, and little children.

Even unregenerate men know the difference between the offer of a gift and offer of a bargain. — between a Friend who proposes to accomplish the entire work of salvation and one who is willing to piece out their own work, provided they struggle hard enough and long enough. The people — your flock and mine — are given into our care that we may tell them and teach them, amid many confusing voices, which of these is the true Gospel of the Son of God.

2. *The good news we are sent to publish is what the people need*

The gospel is inclusive. It satisfies every real need of the human soul and is fitted for every emergency of life.

Education is doubtless needed, and a pastor should be "apt to teach." But the question arises, What is the chief thing to be taught? Besides, the education of unsaved men in anything but the gospel is a perilous proceeding. Educating a man dead in trespasses and sins is like trellising a dead vine or fertilizing a thistle. It can be done, but what is the value when it is done? An educated rascal is still a rascal, — and a more dangerous one. Education is secondary. Unless we mean by education, training in the gospel, it must always be secondary. The missionaries at the New York conference held the opinion that neither the college nor the hospital is justifiable, save as a gospel institution.

The gospel is needed by every man in every crisis, and it is in meeting these ever-varied needs that the pastor escapes narrowness. The so-called Evangelist, who for a few weeks proclaims to guilty sinners the good news of pardon, and then moves on, must guard himself against narrowness. But the pastor-evangelist is in no such peril; for if he carries the good news to saints as well as sinners, if he discovers the deepest needs of *all* his people, and brings to those needs the satisfactions of the gospel, this very work will make him broad as the sunshine.

We mistake if we suppose the good news is only for the lost. It is for those who have been found. Jesus, the Christ, has glad tidings for the little child, new-born into his kingdom, and for the aged saint; glad tidings for the struggling rich and the discouraged poor; for anxious mothers and harassed fathers; for the sick and the sad; for the spiritually weak and sore beset; glad tidings for wise, strong, earnest, brave, manly men; glad tidings for the Christian fallen by the way, for timid, fearful believers, and for every doubting soul. Tennyson says of his noble friend, "He fought his doubts and gathered strength." But Jesus has far better news for the doubter than that he must keep up some old fight or begin a new one. Indeed, for every emergency in every life Jesus offers glad tidings of great joy. And the pastor will meet all these needs in even this exacting and exulting and hungry age if he comes fresh from the Word of God and what is far better yes I dare say it straight from the heart of Christ.

> "Subtlest thought shall fail and learning falter,
> Churches change, forms perish, systems go;
> But our human needs, they will not alter,
> Christ no after age shall e'er outgrow."

The wide publication of this good news, unmixed with human devices, unhindered by our fears, unfettered by a single man-made condition, disfigured by no subtraction, weighted by no addition, would result, as it always has, in a great wave of joy baptizing all our communities.

To proclaim such a gospel requires the highest type of pastor. But, fortunately, publishing the good news tends to produce people competent to publish it. If we take up this Divine work with new earnestness the result will be quite as wonderful in ourselves as in anyone else.

We shall discover and revitalize the great certainties we know. We shall stop the impossible task of telling how much we don't know. We shall let go some machinery in favor of more life. All knowledge, skill, influence, power, will become not an end but a means; an avenue along which we shall speed more swiftly and surely to the hearts of men. Our very language will take its force and color from our exalted message, and our faces will shine with the love we proclaim.

Such a pastor-evangelist will find, as our honored moderator once said in one of the best of his far-visioned sayings, "his place as inalienable as that of the gospel; his liberty as wide as the truth; and his consecration as holy as that of his Lord; no force can displace him from his throne of power and no man can take his crown."

HOW SHOULD THE IDEA OF GOD BE STATED ACCORDING TO PRESENT LIGHT?[1]

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The subject, as stated by the Committee on the program, assumes that we have an idea of God. The whole problem of agnosticism can therefore be set aside as not pertaining to the present discussion. It is also assumed, by the terms of the question, that light, or information respecting the being of God, varies at different periods; that our idea must vary correspondingly, and that as the idea varies the statement of it should vary.

It is doubtless the height of audacity for any individual to attempt to state what should be the idea of God, in view of all the revelations of the universe and of history. But it is an audacity to which the universe and history impel, and which the necessities of the human mind require of every reflecting person. Every one does and must form an idea of God, according to the light he has received and the penetrative insight which his reason has attained. At one time or another every one more or less fully states his idea. Under the assigned limitations of time the present statement can be only in barest outline of that which is most essential, and in dogmatic form, without discussion or argument. I begin with a definition, and shall then make briefest statement of matters involved in the terms of the definition.

God is the Spirit, triune, personal, and holy, who in love created, sustains, and governs the universe, that as Father of spirits he may consummate all in a continually developing kingdom of eternal life, love, and glory.

We know him from his revelations; his primary, objective revelation is the universe. It was created: that is, it had a beginning. This is affirmed by the Scriptures and by all the sciences concerned; the only uncertainty has respect to the time of beginning. Astronomy would say twenty or thirty millions of years ago; geology would say one hundred or two hundred millions. Philosophy has sometimes spoken of an eternal creation and an eternal matter. In the opinion of the present writer, eternal creation is a statement contradictory in its terms; while the reason alleged, that the infinite being cannot be supposed to have been inactive before creation and could not have any object of activity other than creation, is an irrational notion based on a misconception of the facts. Matter is eternal as a potency of the divine fulness: as an objective reality it cannot be eternal so far as the universe that we know is concerned. For through and through, the matter of our universe is a

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finite somewhat. That there have been an infinite series of finite universes, one after another, as a needed condition of divine activity is another irrationality in thought occasioned by misconception of fact. Creation out of nothing, the old statement ran. What was meant was out of nothing objectively pre-existing; out of no independent and eternal matter. Out of the contents of his own eternal fulness God *put forth* somewhat, in a form objective to himself. That was the primal matter, endowed with the capacity of a long continuing and perpetually diversifying evolution, the results of which constitute the universe. Creation implies omnipotence, the absolute transcendence of the Creator, and his infinitude — an existence independent of our space and time. The universe we know to be one; constituted from one essential matter, organized as one system material and spiritual, everywhere vitalized and fashioned by the same indwelling energies and forces, obedient to one and the same ordination of laws of matter and mind. That implies monotheism, an ultimate monism; if transcendent and personal, of course not pantheistic monism. Meanwhile there is also a certain dualism of matter and spirit, not to be denied or ignored. Matter is inferior and dependent, spirit is primal and controlling. Matter is the organ and instrument of spirit; so far as we know the two are never wholly separate, but the original and essential relation of the two, especially in the being of God, we know not clearly as yet. We know only that spirit is ultimate, that monism is primary and dualism secondary yet most significant.

From his own eternal fulness God put forth somewhat: that was creation. He continually *holds it forth*, in form objective to himself though dependent; that is the sustaining or preservation of the universe. It implies immanence: universal, perpetual. Because matter is not foreign to God, he may be immanent in it, and it may be a form of his self-manifestation. Immanence, however, is not so much the indwelling of God in the universe — which was perhaps the predominant form of the conception when the word "omnipresence" was more commonly used — but it is rather the indwelling of the universe in God. Through immanence we have not only preservation, but government also. Government varies in mode according to the nature of that which is governed. In its larger processes and results, the material universe is governed by the indwelling energies and forces. They work uniformly according to a constitutional necessity, which is the law of the forces. That does not mean a mechanical monotony of process and result, however. On the contrary there is the utmost elasticity of force, and a gradation of forces with perpetual interaction, in which the higher always controls the outcome, without any suppression of the lower. Meanwhile, in all lesser processes and results, without any change in the general order and harmony of the cosmos, without any modification of the larger world-processes, the forces more immediately related to spiritual life and history are all subject to varied spiritual use; with a corresponding change of local result, especially as regards spiritual life and history. This is the sphere of man's use, as he will, of all natural forces; always according to the laws of the forces.

And this also is the sphere of natural process within which there is a continual and continually varied Divine use of natural forces, according to the needs of man and history: the sphere within which Nature's forces may be used in answering prayer, and, if need be, in miracle. Finite Spirit is more important than matter in the universe: spirit has its own free use or abuse of nature's forces. Therefore, for the ends of creaturely worth and welfare, a continual and continually varied Divine use of nature is needed. God's use is, of course, far wider and subtler than man's. Man uses nature mechanically, from without: God uses it from within, as by a spontaneity of Nature herself.

Aside from his use of natural forces, material and spiritual, God governs man and controls the ultimate outcome of history by the unmodified working of the forces, by the laws of character and its outcome in welfare or in penalty, by the interactions of life in all ages, by the influence of institutions established among men, the influence of environment, of truths that have been seen and proclaimed, by the influence of needs, yearnings, ideals, and aspirations, by his own inworking and inspiring Spirit, and, not least, by his continual participation in the activities of history, adjusting time, place, and event, taking the wise in their own craftiness, and making all things work together for the upbuilding of his kingdom. Human activity, which is incessant, multiform, and free, sometimes hastens the coming of the kingdom, sometimes hinders; but in one way or another, sooner or later, historic outcome is a progress towards the goal, the kingdom of eternal life, love, and glory. That the goal of history is such a kingdom the New Testament everywhere declares. The constitution of man, his social, moral, and spiritual capacities, and their normal manifestations, the nature and universality of religion, the origin, nature, and history of Christianity, and, in the largest view, the trend of general history, are all in harmony with these teachings of the New Testament. Only spiritual beings can constitute such a kingdom. According to the Scriptures they are of many types and orders, at present existing in various realms and relations of universe-life, and in various stages of development. These teachings, also, are in harmony with the teachings and suggestions of science, both physical and spiritual.

Of all spiritual beings God is father as well as creator. Created that there might be a kingdom of eternal life, the universe means love; and all government of it, truly understood, has the same meaning, most clearly and impressively. It has been well said that fatherhood has its principle in the love which prompted creation. As creator, God is source of life. When life is given in his own likeness, of his own type, in some sort upon his own plane, with capacity to discern his motives and aims, sympathetically to co-operate in his activities, to have conscious fellowship with him, and share in his perfectness and glory, there is fatherhood. Of course, after creation, there must be father-love and care, for worth even more than for welfare. The Scriptures everywhere affirm the reality of such love and care, for the individual as well as for the race. Correctly interpreted, human history and experience affirm it no less. God is

expressly called Father of spirits in the New Testament,[1] in a connection which shows that the widest meaning was intended. The question is raised whether the name can be used in relation to beings who are sinful. In the passage referred to it is used with special application to the sinful who are chastened for purification. The parable of the prodigal son is instructive; and the words in the sermon on the mount, "That ye may be sons of your Father, who maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good." The New Testament does not apply the name "son" to all to whom God stands in the relation of Father. In constitutional relation and in spirit God is universal Father: not all men are "worthy to be called" his sons. In spirit and life some are children of the devil; many are prodigals. That they may become sons in filial quality, a new spiritual birth and an adoption are needful. But with utmost care and tenderness the Father has provided for the new birth and the adoption. Unquestionably, toward the wilfully sinful, God has temper of holy wrath as well as of long suffering grace. Such wrath is essential to righteous fatherhood, and is only another form of holy love. Compassion co-exists with it: the sin that calls it out is occasion of love's uttermost pain, of which we have illustration in Gethsemane and on Calvary. But unquestionably there is an ultimate moral order of the world. In a universe of law, wilful and persistent law-breakers — if there shall be such — must reap what they sow. Neither Nature nor love's redemption provides escape from results in such a case. In accordance with the teaching of his Master, Paul wrote, "The wages of sin is death." The nature of that death is not fully explained in the New Testament.

In considering the creation we have continually found the manifestations of a spiritual and personal creator. We find an omnipotent energy everywhere working in reasonableness, for rational thought is everywhere evident; and the energy works towards a series of related results which are evidently foreseen and intended. That is the clear testimony of evolution. Such work involves self-consciousness, and the divine self-consciousness involves omniscience. Self-conscious reason freely energizing in view of ends is spirit, and is personality. Rational love is expression of personality. Man is personal spirit: his creator must be personal or something more. Personality implies finiteness, it has been said. In order to self-consciousness there must be the defining of self in contrast with some reality other than self. That is true of human personality, a finite and imperfect type. It has never been shown to be a necessity of the primitive, absolute, divine personality. We have reason for saying that the personality of God is trinal, and a tripersonality does not need to define itself by contrast with some reality already existing beyond the self. From the revelations of the incarnation looking back upon creation, preservation, and government, we find that they are best explained, and only fully explained, through the Trinity. In like manner, in the revelations of Old Testament time there were obscurities and dimly manifested conditions, which are set in clear light only after the incarna-

[1] Heb. 12:9.

tion. The Trinity was distinctly revealed only in connection with the incarnation; and apart from that, perhaps, could not be clearly revealed. But, we have learned that although, under existing circumstances, the first service of the incarnation was the service of redemption, that service was *not* its chief reason, not its only or original purpose. The divine man is the needed head over all things; in him all consist, he is the indispensable medium of complete creaturely participation in the fulness of God; and, but for sin the incarnation might have come much earlier in history. The life of the Christ, his ascension and the outpouring of the Spirit completed the revelation of a Trinity of manifestation, the so-called economic Trinity, which the discerning and devout Unitarian has often heartily acknowledged. Is it mere manifestation or is it ontological as well? The New Testament and the profounder Christian thought unite in affirming that the manifestations reveal internal and permanent distinctions. All life is manifold. The higher the being the greater the inner diversity of capacities, offices, and operations; and, at the same time, the more intense and vital the comprehending unity. In the infinite manifoldness of the divine life three chief internal distinctions have been revealed. First, the transcendent life purely as such, dwelling in light inapproachable, whom no man hath seen nor can see. Secondly, the eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested; the word which went forth, the archetype of the universe, and the executive energy of creation, providence, and redemption. Thirdly, the inworking and informing energy by which interior processes are carried on and completed, the agent of inner manifestation and impartation, and thus of regeneration, sanctification, and inspiration. The perfect personality is found in God alone. The defining distinctions of consciousness are given in the inner distinctions of the divine life, which may be objectively manifested.

Creation was not the beginning of divine activity in self-impartation. "Thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world," said our Lord, in his intercessory prayer. Love is social and self-imparting. It has its object; the divine love could have adequate object only in the inner relations of the absolute life. Therefore in interior life there was an all-including activity, an all-comprehending impartation, before creation, greater than any activity in creation or in the universe since creation. Yet, in type and principle, the activity in creation and in the universe has been in the likeness of the intra-divine self-impartations before creation, even if it has not been a modified form of those. For the Son, so called, is archetype and agent in creation, and the Spirit is informing energy of development and perfecting. Through the Son and the Spirit, Divine impartations are continual in the universe; and through the activity of both in men there is continual responsive outgo in communion with the Father.

If man is in the likeness of God, we can understand why the human self-consciousness is trinal; and why, in its grand faculties, the human spirit is trinal also. If the universe was to be a finite manifestation of God, who is love, we can understand why, in the manifoldness of universe-

life, love is bond of spiritual union, and all the normal social activities of life are modes of fellowship in love.

The primal and everywhere manifested moral characteristics of divine life we reach last. God is holy; and holiness is spiritual perfectness. It is wholeness, completeness of spiritual being, with all attributes, capacities, and faculties which pertain to such a being, in true symmetry and in entire harmony of action. Secondly, it is moral perfectness; which is to be thought of as the immanent, all-including energy of self-determination in and for the good, a permanent condition and expression of character. Thus God is the supreme being; primarily in the sense that he is ideal being in its absolute reality, the self-existent source of all excellence; and, therefore, secondarily, in the sense that he has original and absolute authority, with rightful sovereignty. Some of our ideals are intuitive visions of reason; some are half-formed ideas of a perfectness as yet only vaguely apprehended. God is the living unity and full reality of them all. What we properly call ideals are glimpses of him in his spiritual revelations. They thrill us because they are revelations of perfectness, and because they waken a sense of affinity. The aspirations they generate, the adoration and worship to which they move us, are the outreachings of nature towards one who is our true goal because we were made in his likeness to receive of his fulness. Thus God is the living truth in its source and its completeness; the living reality of whom the universe is manifestation. The eternity, unchangeableness, and sacredness which we recognize in highest truth are qualities of him who is the truth. He is the full-orbed reality and the standard of ethical perfectness. Absolute righteousness has its home in him, and all rights have their source in him. Their uplifting sanctity is one phase of his. In his completeness is the reality of ideal beauty, source of all beauty in nature, and the inspiration of beauty in man. The charm which beauty has for us is one form of the charm of his perfectness. His goodness is the union of his holiness and his love. One is good, that is God.

This God is our God for ever and ever; our Father in heaven, who has called us to walk in light as his children, and to aspire to his glory.

MEN AND WOMEN IN RELIGION.[1]

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In the following paper I shall endeavor to show: —

(1) That the expression of the religious life in each individual must be related to his age, sex, special capacities, nationality, etc.; and hence, that, in order to understand or propagate the religious life among any group, it is of fundamental necessity that the characteristics of that group in its then stage be well understood.

(2) I shall discuss the leading characteristics of men, particularly of young men, and shall endeavor to show that the chief demands of the church to-day are for qualities that are predominantly feminine.

(3) I shall make a few suggestions relative to the development of the religious life among men.

(1) The religious life must develop and include the fruition of all the best capacity of each individual. Thus the manifestation of the religious life must be related to the capacity and quality of each. Let me illustrate this in very simple ways: A person has some mortal disease. No one would think of sending him as a missionary. The conditions forbid. It is not a question as to whether he is sufficiently devoted or not, it is in this case a test of physical capacity. The ways in which he must show his religious life must be related to his physical capacity. What might well be expected of a thoroughly well person will differ somewhat from what can be expected of this person. Another person has shown during his school life an almost total inability to learn foreign language. Such a person would best serve in some capacity in which the learning of a foreign language is not involved. On the other hand, a person showing marked ability as a teacher will naturally express his religious life in teaching. It is, however, not only with respect to the utilization of individual gifts that the expression of the religious life varies, but also in stages of life. One does not expect from the child of four the same kind of religious expression that should come from the experienced saint of fifty.

In thinking of the writers of the Bible, one is struck at once with widely divergent types of character presented by the several writers — David and Jeremiah, Solomon and Matthew, John and Paul. The truth is, possibly, that God selected these men in order to express through their dominant characteristics the great varied truths he had to give to the world. No one man was comprehensive enough that God could express through him the whole range of his Biblical message.

[1] page 16.

God expresses himself not only through individual peculiarities, but also through racial peculiarities. He has given the Anglo-Saxon a peculiar mission in the extension of his kingdom. It is a mission involving energy, resolution, aggressiveness, the ability for strenuous endeavor, for active rather than passive heroism. God progressively expresses himself through the individual, as well as through the race. The religious life of a child is not and should not be the same as the religious life of an adult. The religious life itself is progressive. Its direction remains ever the same, but its prevailing characteristics must change from year to year to correspond with the changing characteristics of the individual, and when a child endeavors to express his religious life in terms that are full of significance only to one who has had long years of experience, we suspect him to be merely imitating. When a young man full of vigor and energy expresses his religious life in terms that would be suitable for his grandmother, — in words of peace and resignation, of rest and looking forward to heaven, — we instinctively revolt, and say that there is something false there. It is not that there are different religions for the two sexes and for different ages, but that God expresses himself through the dominant characteristics of each race, age, and sex; and to attempt to cramp the religious life, and make it alike in all races, ages, and in men and women and children, is to commit a fundamental and irreparable mistake. I suspect that this is one difficulty with some of the great religious organizations of the day. Some are trying to get one race to express the divine life in terms that were developed and formulated by another race. Some are trying to hold this age to expressions of divine truth that were the expressions of a previous age. Are not most of us trying to get men to express their religious life in terms most suitable to women?

In the light of the principle that has just been discussed, it is important that those who have to do with the guidance of the religious life of men and women, should have clearly in mind the best characteristics of manhood and womanhood. The direction that the religious life should take must be related to the best and strongest characteristics of the individual in his then stage.

(2) Let us now turn to a brief discussion of some of the essential characteristics of manhood in general and young manhood in particular, for if our former thesis be correct, the religious life of young men must be definitely related to the best development of the best characteristics of young men. Young men are energetic. "Young men for war, old men for counsel." The games that excite the most passionate enthusiasm among young men are games that demand the most intense activity — boxing, wrestling, fencing, foot-ball, base-ball, basket-ball, lawn tennis, foot-racing, fighting. These same characteristics appear in the young man's mental life. It is more energetic and intense than subtle. The life of young men is largely objective. It is far more true to their natures to get out and do something than it is to study their feelings, to make subjective analyses. To achieve some tangible thing, to get money, to get power, to get scholastic reputation — these are objective ends of great

attractiveness to young men — to do more than to feel, to accomplish some definite end external to one's self, to do good to others rather than to be good. The young man who helps another person commands honor. The young man who consciously strives to be good excites a kind of more or less conscious contempt. The man who learns to control a fiery temper or a passionate nature so that he may win in running or boxing, in politics or business or professional life, is honored. Self-control to win seems to them superb. Self-control for the sake of being good rarely seems to them so.

Young men go in cliques, groups, gangs, societies, teams, classes, fraternities, brotherhoods, associations. The social self is predominant; it shows itself in "consciousness of kind," in the union of those of like interests, habits, tastes, occupations, localities, ages, beliefs. Young men hang together and often stand by each other in a superb way under the most trying of circumstances. This loyalty to each other is one of the great roots of altruism. It may degenerate into hanging together in bad ways and for bad purposes. Under these circumstances we find one of the most perilous forces of modern civilization at work — the gang in politics. The young man's wildest as well as his deepest feelings are aroused by acts and situations that call for the service of others, as is demanded by the "gang instinct," as I like to call this feeling. The heroes of the young man's novels and of favorite plays are those who rescue others, fight for the oppressed, relieve, save the drowning. The heroes of college days are those who win some honor for the college. Again it is the admiration, I might almost say in hero worship, that these qualities show themselves — the football hero, the Nausen, or Hobson, or Dewey, or Washington, the man who dares, "he who never turns his back, but marches breast forward." The love of adventure so common to young manhood is one phase of this. A man tends to become like his heroes, whatever they are. It is the time for heroism. These are some at least of the best natural characteristics of young manhood.

While these are the essential characteristics of young men considered by themselves, it is possible to put them in contrast with the corresponding characteristics of women. This is usually unwise; its only justification lies in the importance of the topic now being discussed. The subject in general has been discussed with great ability by Havelock Ellis in his book, "Man and Woman." I have made no original investigation of the groups of facts discussed in his book, and hence must refer the book to those who wish a general view on the topic. My own investigations have related to the differences that show themselves in the development of altruism in man and woman. The following facts are given as but a few of those that might be quoted on this topic: —

1. While the total population of male prisoners in the United States in 1890 was 75,924, the total number of female prisoners was 6,405. This must be coupled with the fact that in our churches women outnumber men in the proportion of two or three to one.

2. Women are far more loyal to home and to children than are men.

Men do not love to take care of babies as women do. They do not sacrifice for children as easily as do women. A man's feelings about holding a little baby are different from a woman's feelings.

3. It is commonly said that there are two social and moral standards in the community; one for men and one for women. This is measurably true, but perhaps has a different aspect from what it is currently supposed to have. What society will not forgive in the woman is unchastity; what society will not forgive in a man is cowardice and treachery to his own group. I venture to suggest that in terms of origin these virtues are somewhat analogous, and that even savage society demands no less of the man than of the woman, but in a somewhat different direction. Man must be true to the social organism somewhat as woman must be true to her husband and family. Both instincts may have arisen by selection.

4. It seems to me that men are far more loyal to each other in conversation than are women, that there is less pleasure in telling things that are detrimental to a third party among men than among women. It is a common feeling when a man tells what is derogatory to a third party that he should say it "before his face"; that he is a coward if he does not do so. I have not found this feeling in women.

5. Men play games during and after adolescence, involving co-operation and self-sacrifice; in other words, team-work. It does not appear that such games are ever spontaneously taken up by women. I have trained two basket-ball teams of women, and have known of the training of many others. It is difficult to get women to play a team game, a game in which individual brilliancy is sacrificed to the efficiency of the team. The tendency is to say that this is due to the players being selfish and unwilling to appear in a less conspicuous position than they might. I do not think this is true, for playing must be done faster than one can think. The actions must become reflex. The great interests of young men in sport centre about plays of this team character, thus differ markedly from the chief delight of girls during this period, which is perhaps social and romantic.

6. In school life it seems that boys are more loyal to each other than are girls. Boys who get into a scrape, and even other boys who know about the scrape, will stand punishment and expulsion from the school for not telling. Sometimes such cases occur among girls, but it is the general testimony among the teachers to whom I have talked about this that boys are far more loyal to each other than are girls.

What explanation can be given of these facts? The following is an attempt to correlate phylogenetic facts with those of an ontogenetic nature. It is believed that they offer at least partial solution to the problem. The most basal instincts in the male are those that led him to hunt and fight, for upon the possession of capacity in these directions his life depended in the earliest ages. With the progress of civilization, man's chief activities have changed. He is not now dependent for his living primarily upon hunting or fighting. He fights in a metaphorical sense, but is not dominated by the necessity for physical combat as in former

days. He has taken to agriculture and to the manufactures. These involve civilized life. The old instincts of hunting and fighting, however, remain strong so that we find continually cropping out in him manifestations of his ancestry. Men constantly are committing crimes against society through yielding to these impulses to fight and steal and kill, to which we have referred.

Civilization has compelled man's activities to change directions; it has not compelled woman's activities to do so. This is one reason at least why men are so much more prone to break over and revert to earlier tendencies. Perhaps a deeper reason than either of these for man's leadership in crime is, that man is predominantly katabolic or energy-expending, while woman is predominantly anabolic, or energy-preserving. The male is more difficult to tame in all of the higher mammals than the female. The bull, rooster, tomcat, stallion, ram, buck, are all far more intractable than are their respective females. Civilization is in certain respects a process of taming or feminization. The male finds it more irksome to undergo this process than does the female, and more frequently breaks over.

There is another aspect to the fighting instinct. In order that men may fight well, it is necessary that he combine. Three or four man who become banded together in an offensive and defensive alliance of even moderate strength will speedily get the best of individuals far excelling them, but who lack this power of co-operation. To have the capacity of loyalty to one's fellows, then, becomes a virtue, the possession of which makes that group superior in the struggle for existence.

The social order makes those actions most deeply criminal that are the most vitally against the life of society, so that the supreme virtues in man from this standpoint are capacity for hunting and co-operative fighting, involving courage, loyalty to one's fellows, and to social unit.

When we study woman's early activities to ascertain the virtues that were the most useful and related to survival, we find love of children and home. Sutherland has elaborated these facts with great care and fulness. The woman who was efficient in the elementary manufacture and agriculture of the period had also an advantage over the one who was not. No claim of present notions of chastity among savages is made, but it is still true that women true to their husbands were better fitted to rear good families than those not so. Tradition and public opinion could and did frown upon unfaithfulness in women long before it did so in man. The woman, being measurably the man's property, had no right to heterogeneous alliances, for this was the violation of the man's property right. Thus arose love of children, loyalty to husband, and capacity in agriculture and manufacture, as feminine virtues. The qualities related to these capacities are love, patience, persistence, docility, etc.

This genetic philosophy, we believe, explains all the facts that have been so far mentioned. Young men's playing team games is related to their ancestry. The superior loyalty of boys to each other in school is another piece of the same argument. The superior interests of women in

home, children, and in directions that take patience, morality, and the like, are indicated by their ancestry.

In this section of the paper I so far endeavored to show that the essential characteristics of young men were their energy, the fact of their liking to work in objective lines, doing things rather than feeling, that they are very strong in the gang instinct, and that they are instinctive hero worshippers.

Let us now note the extent to which the religious thought and life of the last twenty-five years gives emphasis to these qualities of Anglo-Saxon young men. The religious life has not been regarded as a progression so much as it has a state. The religious life has not been differentiated between childhood and adult life, adult life and old age, manhood and womanhood. We have demanded of childhood the thought and religious expression of adult life. We have expected young men to have the same religious life as old women. Individuals have instinctively recognized growth in these matters, and wise parents and pastors have carried out notions that were not formulated, but the theological formulation of religious truth has made no place for religious epochs and growth with the kind under discussion, with the exception of conversion.

The religious thought and life has not been predominantly either energetic or objective. I do not say that these elements have not been present; they have, but have not been predominant. Nor do I wish to give the impression that the religious life of young men must be exclusively energetic and objective. We should lose fundamental elements were this true. But dominant characteristics must be katabolic and objective.

What have been the special virtues and thoughts of the last twenty-five years of religious history? In our prayer-meetings, churches and religious writings we hear chiefly of rest, joy, peace, temptations, prayer, trials, resignation, trust, sense of sin, atonement, love of God, hope of Heaven, desire for fortitude to bear up under the trials of life — all involving first introspection and analysis of feelings. This list is not intended to be complete nor particularly modern; it aims at the characterization of the period. As a result, the church and Christians have not stood, and the church does not stand to-day, for objective righteousness. As an organization, it is not the power in the community that can be relied on to carry on all good enterprises, although individual members may and do. The Christian life has not been commonly regarded as involving loyalty to one's city — her streets, her poor, her politics, her sick. Yet we may come to put these things first as characteristic of the religious life of men.

We often hear that but seven per cent of young men are in the churches. I do not know that this is true, but there is no questioning the fact that the bulk of the pride and flower of America's young men stand outside of and not inside of the church, while the great bulk of our church members and Christian workers are women. Do we need to go far to seek the reason for this situation? The church has not put emphasis

upon those qualities that represent the best and noblest side of young men. The qualities demanded by her are chiefly anabolic and subjective. These are feminine, not masculine, characteristics. So our churches are feminine, not masculine, in composition.

No real man will sacrifice his own victory, nor feel so elated and proud when successful, as he will feel for his college. The best is not self but group. The highest activities for the self are lower than those for the group. Group loyalty is the basis, the first dawn, of love to city, country, humanity, and may I say of God also? We must appeal for high activities if we want high qualities. Capacity for devotion, heroism, self-sacrifice, nobility, is not dead. It needs the adequate objective demand. The religious leaders who have been presented for the hero-worshipping instinct of the Saxon boy have been inferior, on the whole, in masculine respects to those presented who were not religious leaders. The kind of lives that appeal to young men has been found, for the reasons already given, among those whom we do not usually class as leaders in the church or in religion. George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and a multitude of others, real heroes, leaders in upbuilding the kingdom of God, have not been leaders in the Christian church. The movements that led to religious liberty, the divorce between church and state, the abolition of slavery, were not chiefly led by the church or its leaders. Splendid names come to mind, such as David Livingstone, who fulfilled all the demands of a hero-loving boyhood, but the godly men of the community and of history have not, on the whole, been such as to appeal to our hero-worshipper. They did not exhibit his own virtues in high light. They were not predominantly objective and katabolic.

In this section I have endeavored to show that the chief emphasis of the church is upon qualities that are feminine, and that hence do not call for and thus do not secure to as great an extent as they should, strong, virile, energetic, objective men.

(3) The suggestions that I have to offer are of far less significance than are the facts that have already been presented. They are as follows: —

The church must show the need of the world for men's lives in heroic, noble lines of objective achievement, not in building up the church, but in building up human life. The church cannot save itself by centering attention upon itself. Does the church need men? I do not mean would it be pleasant to have men in the pews and in the prayer-meetings, but for the extension of the kingdom of God is it necessary that there be many strong men actively engaged in church work? If so, what definite things shall these men do? It is not enough to call for service; definite service must be asked. Men will not volunteer in the abstract; they will respond to definite requests for service of a character suited to their ability.

Then, again, the work must be worthy of the talent it demands. Strong men cannot be expected nor will they do insignificant work, when the world about them is full of significant work upon which they already have their hands. If the church is the field of the pastor, to

be worked on by him, then it does not appear that there is any great place for strong men in the church as laymen. If the church is the working force for the extension of the Kingdom of God in the world, in definite, tangible directions, then the church can command the strongest men for service. Selfish interest, even of a legitimate and high kind, such as one's own spiritual growth, is not a high enough argument to put before men to secure their constant and loyal service. It does not correspond to the noblest qualities of manhood. The church must show the need of men for service of others.

In preaching, the objective righteousness of Christ's character must be made plain, — his noble heroism in facing the evils of his day, in denouncing publicly that which had the support, not only of the church, but of public opinion. The notion that we get of Christ's character is altogether too feminine — not that I would have him presented as less patient, but that coupled with these qualities I would have the equally superb qualities emphasized of power, of vigor, of heroism, of objective endeavor, and the like. This feminine ideal of the character of Christ has dominated all the art conceptions of his nature.

The church mid-week meetings must be related, partly at least, to accomplishing work. They must be partly council meetings with reference to doing work in the community, reporting upon work done, planning for larger work. They must be engaged directly in the extension of the kingdom of God, and not primarily upon a study of feelings, hopes, desire, aspirations, and the like, if they are to grip and control the lives of men. The kingdom of God is the kingdom of service, and each of us must serve in our own line. The religious life of men must show itself large in strong, heroic, noble, objective action. The religion of manhood is the religion of action.

The capacity for heroism is not dead in the hearts of the American young men. Commercialism, the engrossing interests of professional and business life, seem to be throttling the spiritual life out of great numbers of young men, but slumbering beneath it lie these great qualities of heroism and devotion. They need the call that shall awaken them. There must be shown the need, there must be shown the opportunity, there must be shown the personal responsibility, there must be shown the personal authority, there must be shown the love that is back of all duty, and they will respond with power, with heroism, with persistence equal to the need.

THE CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH.[1]

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1. "The Practical Catechetical Instruction of Children and Youth in the Twentieth Century and in *Congregational Churches*" is a sub-title which would more accurately describe the scope of this paper and the subject assigned to me. This will relieve us from discussing the history of former attempts at such instruction, and from all consideration of the experiences and experiments of our predecessors and our contemporaries, any further than such survey may throw light on our present inquiry.

2. The call and opportunity for catechetical instruction of our young comes to us at a favorable stage in the progress of the church. The majestic peaks and table-lands of Christian truth have been thrown up and shaped into well defined and established outlines. They rise singly or in ranges as the landmarks of man's moral pilgrimage through the earth. The rich intervales have, however, been left for later development. There are wide sweeps of lowlands awaiting the plough and the sickle to yield pasture and harvest. The Life of Christ, the gospel precepts, the Heavenly Father's care, are rich and comparatively unworked areas.

We find similar unclaimed alluvial bottoms in other departments of knowledge ready to be taken up in these days. They lie between the great Rockies and the Sierras of political, social, and economical truths, which have become permanently located on the maps of civilization. The sands and silt of the glacial and heroic ages have made a deposit as a base for fertile fields.

Our sires put the meeting houses on the hills, and made roads on the ridges instead of in the valleys by the water courses, so that the march of the church has been over a sky-line trail on the crest of theological Himalayas. Now we are comparatively free, after many conflicts and settled issues, to betake ourselves to pastoral life in the vales, to lead our flocks and nourish our lambs. Across the unclaimed marshes we run our furrows, and put in canals and causeways to make meadows and thoroughfares and borders for our children.

3. The value of catechetical instruction as a method is not a subject for discussion, because it is the plan by which all our best education is acquired. Christ learned by it in the Temple at Jerusalem when he was twelve years old. We use it in our Sunday schools whether we adopt quarterlies or question books. In academy and college classes this has been, and still remains, the most effective means of instilling and distilling knowledge. It is pre-eminently the educational method. So far as the lecture system is a success, it follows the line of question and answer.

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Medical and law students have their "quizzes." The Socratic method, whether in religion or philosophy, is an approved, historical, and natural one, therefore we have not the burden of proposing or defending a new system of instruction. Nor have we to contend for any enlargement of the range of subjects or the application to those not heretofore included under this scheme. We have an old method, and one commonly used in the whole range of religious teaching. It is not proposed to subject any fresh truths to this crucible, but to dig out the old wells which our fathers have dug.

One is surprised at the number of catechisms which have been published by Congregational ministers; this shows that there has been and there is a radically felt need for some such instruction. In the New England Primer, printed in 1691, a section has this heading: "Spiritual Milk for American Babes, Drawn out of the Breasts of Both Testaments, for their Souls' Nourishment, by John Cotton," and then follows a catechism for little ones, in many respects admirable. Dr. Channing put out an excellent work, and Unitarian ministers of the most liberal school in later days are disseminating their credicles in the same fashion.

4. Catechising, as we contend for it, is crystallization, the crystallizing of the church's teaching in certain ranges of religious truth for children; this is what is advocated. The hard maple tree has many uses; it furnishes wood if cut down; it is admirable timber; but when it is alive, it has a stately shape and affords grateful shade. You can also tap a living tree at the proper time and get a sweetened sap. Furnishing catechetical instruction is simply "sugaring off" for children. You cull out of the Scripture and classic creeds your living truths and boil them down and sugar off.

Instead of allowing our young in their early years to roam over the plains and "Bad Lands" of truth, we bring them up and brand them; have them corn-fed. We set before them a few elementary truths in each department of Christian learning; we give them bundles instead of spears of grass.

We do not need to, and we do not propose to supersede any of the other manifold forms of Christian culture. We specialize and italicize certain fundamental teachings. Personal conversation with the young is not made less necessary, but conversation is apt to be delta-mouthed, and run in a great many broad channels. A pastor will, however, find the catechism an occasion for personal conference with his flock, and it will furnish him increased opportunities as well as suggestions, and methods of reaching them. If his mind is working on definite lines of instruction this will stimulate his search for opening up intercourse. Our regular Sunday-school lessons ought not to be displaced or even slighted, but along the picturesque tour through sacred literature, we would have our children stop for meals at regular hours and have a *table d' hote* dinner. The catechism is the Bible in slices; you do not let children bite into the whole loaf; that is not the best way to use bread, but you cut it and crumb it.

5. The material for a catechism is, first, the Bible. This can be used in a variety of forms; there are the great facts of religion, — God and His moral government, man's relation to God, his accountability to God, his duties to his fellow men, the Life of Christ, and the example of Christ. One can go through Scripture and cut out a spinal column with supplementary and supporting ribs along many lines. The biographies of such heroes as Joseph, Moses, Daniel, and David, are unsurpassed for the study of youth. Proportionately to the material in our possession, the life of Christ is unequalled for child study. We must remember, in comparing the relative interests of the Old and New Testaments, that we have but thirty-three years of the Son of Man, while we have hundreds of years of the patriarchs, with vastly more of picturesque details and homely incident.

The difficulty with many of the older catechisms is that they are skeletons, and suggest controversies which have terminated fatally to somebody.

A Church History catechism for the young is our next serious *desideratum;* it can come down to the Reformation as a single stock, and then branch out with special attention to our Congregational graft. The Pilgrims and Cromwell ought not to be left out of the mental library of any member of a Congregational household. The migrations of our noble kinsmen of the Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Reformed orders ought not to be unfamiliar to us, nor later Wesleyan and missionary movements.

In the Scripture catechism it is important that the answers to questions be in the words of the *Bible;* one reason for this is the adaptation of the Scriptures to express spiritual ideas. In some measure the apostles cast a new language for religion. Another value in the Scripture verses is that they furnish an alphabet of the gospel for the young. Many of our children are untrained at home and have few symbols for spiritual conceptions; there is also gain in learning the Scripture passages on the great themes of divine truth.

6. The moulds and the machinery for this proposed instruction we have on hand. I should urge this forward catechetical movement with far less interest and hope, in fact, with none whatever, if it involved a new outfit of machinery. The Sunday school is a magnificent plant for moulding and matching this product for the kingdom of Christ. It is a great pottery with all the processes for shaping the clay, baking, firing, and decorating, able to turn out choicer wares than Sevres or Dresden. Instead of interfering with this system and equipment, we should strengthen it by supplementary studies. Let an occasional planet fall into the already blazing sun and freshen the flame rather than try to plaster up another luminary out of the embers and ashes. This addition can be introduced by having the whole school learn and repeat a single answer in concert each week, and review portions already learned. In the course of a year, you have, without disturbing the regular organization work, secured fifty-two Scripture verses which enforce as many great truths. This is one of the ways of enriching a school without reorganizing

or liturgizing it. Most of our institutions need mulching more than they do raking up stones from the bottom to the top of our garden patch. We cannot delay till we get the ideal in Sunday school instruction any more than we can wait till we get a Bible edited to suit every one. While we are discussing or complaining of the various forms of teaching now prevalent, we might better be trying to work one well, or introducing supplementary studies. We need to broaden our gauge more than to change the grade of Sunday school lessons. The great railroads sometimes change their gauge from narrow to broad in a night and never stop the through trains. Instead of tying up traffic till we get the right sort of equipment, let us keep going with what we have, and gradually introduce newer features, while we carry souls from the hearths of earth to the golden gate of heaven.

Others might prefer to have a part of the time every Sunday or on special days, such as Review Sunday, set apart for this instruction. The teacher would find relief and the scholars refreshment, and the whole school a new interest. Run these extra or regular lessons through the various grades of the school, and when the pupils are fifteen they will not have been simply roamers in the Holy Land, but will have mastered a guide book of the church and the City of God, worthy pilgrims of these later days.

Some pastors might prefer to extend this plan to the Junior Endeavor Society, or make this the chief starting and studying place. The present structure of the Society need not be disturbed, but the teacher or pastor can add some series of simple Scripture outlines which can be committed to memory, and will be carried from the cradle to the grave by way of Calvary. For every school session must be a station of the cross, and every lesson, a sign along the *via crucis*. Better than to make the Junior Endeavor Society the catechism class exclusively is to carry the lessons through both this and the various departments of the Sunday school.

We must use all the labor-saving machinery we can in these days, in the church as well as in the factory and in housekeeping. The pastor of a large church in the city, with the increased administrative duties, who undertakes to do this catechetical work in pastor's classes for a series of years, is going to give it up or fail.

The argument in favor of having the catechism taught by others than pastors is manifold. If other agencies take up this work, they can prepare the way for the pastor; then he can take special classes for brief periods to fit candidates for church membership, but even this suggestion is of doubtful value. The pastor needs his time for talks on personal religion with his young people; this is something that has of late been far more neglected in these parts than even catechetical instruction, and is much more difficult to accomplish successfully than to round up a scientific pedagogic system. The devoted minister will find his hands full in making suitable lessons for others to teach. The trouble with many of the manuals already put out is that no one can work them but the ones who made them. Pupils had better be machine taught

than to have the catechisms machine made, and here is where the pastor's chance to do his part comes in, in adapting the truth to the needs of his own flock. The pastor on Sunday has his doctrinal opportunity with his people. The Sunday school prepares the soil for the seed, and the watering of the spiritual life. Any system which puts all this teaching on a pastor will fail; life is too strenuous. I think a good many ministers would take up this work if they felt they could rightly commit it to others and have it carried on steadily without new machinery or additional burdens upon themselves. They would like to have the catechism idea carried out if it could have a permanent place in the church; putting it into present organizations without disturbing but only enriching them. I think we have shown this to be possible and therefore advisable. This would leave time for those old-fashioned study meetings and personal interviews with the young, which one would rejoice to see again frequent in every parish in New England.

If the Sunday-school teachers are fit to instruct the young at all, they can instil catechism lessons as well as the International Series or any other, and better, because they will more frequently go over familiar ground. We should find that many good but not well equipped teachers could carry through the catechism who were often in perplexity about the lesson series we usually have. It would be a real relief to many a faithful guide of souls if there could be this regular and simple set of studies.

7. Some secondary values, bye-products of a catechism, deserve to be noted. In places where there are foreigners, one finds that they have been accustomed to this method of teaching, and we meet them on a familiar footing. It gives them also an opportunity to learn what we believe and what we are teaching their children in the Sunday school. The permanent form of catechism as against the quarterly counts here, in the increased respect of parents and children, and also for its comprehensive summary.

CLOSING QUESTIONS.

1. *What is the relation of catechism study to conversion?*

The catechism does not bring life and must not be expected to; we do not look for it to supersede conversion or revival work. Much as I contend for Christian nurture, I have no hope for the catechism save as a preparatory agency. The mistake of the past was in attempting to make the understanding of a catechism the condition of church membership. This may be, as it has been in the past, a hindrance rather than a help to the work of Christ. It may indeed start a spring, and often does, but it is not life, and may be wood, hay, stubble.

2. *Is the catechism especially designed to prepare catechumens for church membership?*

From what has been said it will be seen that the catechism is not to be used as a special qualification for church membership; this requires something else. It does furnish in religion what corresponds to a college

course; it provides a man a liberal education, and provides a sort of "speed-way" for him to find out what he knows, believes, and is capable of.

3. *What place has modern criticism in the proposed catechetical revivals?*

Modern criticism has no place in the catechetical system of our day. The same reason which keeps controversial statements of truth out of catechisms, should also keep critical studies as such. Our Sunday schools are not junior theological seminaries. We want an introduction to Christ for our children more than an introduction to the New Testament. Comparatively few men are yet competent to handle these critical questions, and even the pulpit is seldom the place for their treatment at the hands of an expert, much less the Sunday school.

4. *What do we learn from psychology in regard to this subject?*

Modern psychology confirms what has been said: that the pastor's service is most efficient later in the life of the young, say at the age of sixteen, rather than before that time. The majority of boys confess Christ at sixteen, girls at fourteen; but the basis of Christian life is laid earlier, in the home and Sunday school. The pastor is a pilot, and his business is to take the ships through the narrows; a good many people can put in the cargo, but cannot hold the helm and steer in the maelstrom of a troubled soul.

5. *Does the public-school system give any suggestions as to the value of catechetical instruction?*

Only as we know there is more and more need of the catechism, in view of the sterile character of the ordinary school training, and the impersonality of the teachers. So many secular lessons are now taught by the lecture system that the question and answer method would seem to be a relief and a profit to the scholars.

6. *If we consider catechetical instruction in the light of later science and evolution, what do we discover?*

We get only one answer; the need of formative forces early, and also personal guidance of a friend when the functions of life are creating a cloudy chaos in the child's mind.

7. *What can we learn from other churches in regard to catechetical instruction?*

It is a mistake to appeal to other churches with great respect in these matters. Catechisms have been millstones about churches. They ought not to be based on creed expositions, such as Luther's, or historical symbols; we do not want these for the young; child food must be fresh.

The Episcopal Church is simply stranded, so far as spiritual progress goes, by attempting to teach its catechumens the Thirty-nine Articles. In the Sunday school work they are simply running coastwise craft.

The Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Reformed churches all fail in trying to split up great confessions into gospel crumbs for children. You will

make a mistake, brethren, if you try to force a churchly catechism on your congregations; we want Christliness, not churchliness. The Catholics are appealed to as those who have used catechisms, but, friends, this is largely churchy, a stone and a serpent, not fish or bread which we are instructed to give to our children. Nor are they holding their people by this method; said one of the eminent men of this order, a neighbor of mine, "We are erecting great structures for our young men, but they do not come," and they do not. You want a catechism like David's sling, with a few small stones and flexible leather, and not a piece of chain armor and a broadsword, for our children.

This movement for catechetical instruction is not a new one, nor one which has been long in abeyance among our churches. We need not hail it as a fresh tidal wave of life; it is simply a Providential call and opportunity for the church at this stage in her history, to put more emphasis on preventive than on rescue work with our children; to seize the occasion of peace to cultivate the rich intervales of Christian faith and ethics, and after our conflicts for the truth, to instruct and to definitely and permanently lodge the results of these struggles and achievements of study in the hearts of the young, which, enkindled by the Holy Spirit, may make them wise unto salvation.

The catechism course is caching in the flush times of childhood stores of Scripture and condensed truth to which men will return after the disappointments of exploration in the arctic circles of life. Remember that memory is the common faculty of all children. However much may be acquired by other forms of instruction we ought to take advantage of this storage capacity of childhood.

As veins of precious ore are injected irregularly through the quartz of original chaos, so we strive to run the deposits of Scripture and spiritual truths through the molten mind of youth, to be dug out in future and form the coinage of the King's realm.

TRAINING OF ADULTS FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.[1]

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The visible church should coincide in membership as nearly as possible with the kingdom of God on earth. There are many godly men and women outside the churches. This is a matter of encouragement and of discouragement. It is encouraging that the gospel leaven is leavening the whole community, that the spirit of Christ cannot be restrained by formal barriers. That the kingdom of God should prosper is the chief concern, whether that be inside the churches or outside of them. We are moving onward toward the time of the city without a church. But we have not yet reached that stage of development. Visible churches are

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necessary. The more efficient the churches the more rapid the progress toward the consummation when churches will no longer be needed. To be efficient, churches must have the material and moral support of the good people of the community. At present many good people stand aloof and the churches are in so far deprived of influence and power. Not only so, but godliness decreases in the course of a few generations. The parents were stanch church members; the children are above reproach and very good, but not members and only occasional attendants of the place of worship; their children drop out altogether and in many instances, live without God and without hope.

So the training of adults for church membership is a substantial way, not only of building up the churches, but of fostering the spiritual life. Former revival methods have fallen into desuetude. In the changed circumstances in which we find ourselves, other means must be used, consonant with the spirit and thought of the age. Many of the appeals, once powerful, now fall upon deaf ears. Many of the methods, once helpful, now disgust. In the change, there is not retrogression, but progress. To go back is destruction, to stand still is suicide, to go forward is life and victory. The world is rising to higher things. It is inevitable that, in communities for generations Christian, training should take the place of so-called evangelistic method. We must have a revival without "revivals." The calm, candid, constant scientific spirit must rule in Christian work. We must see to it that the preparation of persons for church membership does not go by default. I am afraid many churches have discarded old methods without providing new ones. Perhaps, if the training of children were attended to as it should be, there would soon be no occasion for the discussion of such a topic as mine. In present circumstances there is large place for the theme.

The training should be calculated to make living members, not formal members only. In the kingdom of God quality is more important than quantity. I want to speak of the substance of such training rather than of its methods. The training should be, (1) Spiritual, (2) Theological, (3) Ethical.

1. Spiritual. At this point two extremes are to be avoided. The one is the insistence upon such an experience as Paul had — a radical revolution at a definite time. There were reasons for Paul's apparently sudden and radical change. But why should Paul alone be the example of spiritual life? Surely, John was equally spiritual, and there is no intimation that he ever passed through such a crisis; nor is there evidence of such an experience in the case of any of the other disciples. They simply followed Jesus to the best of their understanding, and slowly; through many errors and failures, as well as successes, the spirit of Christ became regnant in them. It naturally comes to pass that very few who have been brought up in the Christian religion have an experience like Paul's. Society is an organism. Salvation is racial as well as personal. Racial salvation, to some extent, carries with it personal salvation. It would require a greater revolution for children sprung from a Christian ancestry

and nurtured in the gospel to become non-Christian than to become consciously Christian. Such need to be recognized as a part of the church and called into service.

The other extreme is to ignore spiritual experience altogether. Some try to get every respectable man and woman into the church. This is injurious to those so brought in and ruinous to the churches. Even thoughtful people outside see the inappropriateness of such a course. The idea is still abroad that the churches stand for a spiritual life; when that idea fades, the churches die and ought to die.

The fathers made no mistake in demanding a spiritual experience as a requisite for church membership. But to what experience shall we seek to lead adults? Evidently, no one form of experience is essential. We must distinguish between form and substance. That which is personal or sectarian is not essential. Only what is universal is necessary. The eternal Spirit manifests himself in as many forms in the human soul as in external nature. Many whom we seek to win have already the experience. Again and again the earnest and wise minister will have occasion to say, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

Is the soul awake? Is righteousness ascendant? Does love prevail? Does the finite live in the felt presence of the infinite? In "Old Town Folks" there is an account of a revival in which many came to the LORD in anxiety of spirit and with much agitation. A few young people of the more thoughtful kind did not respond to the appeal in the meeting, but quietly presented themselves for church membership, moved, they knew not how, by an unseen power. The spirit flows forth, now in grasses, flowers, and trees, now in planets and stars, now in the souls of men. Where he comes he makes alive. And life — spiritual life — is the requisite for church membership. Define that influence as you will, or refuse to define it, as most who feel it deepest will, it is the power that raises man from the dust and makes him spiritually a child of the Eternal — "a god, though in the germ."

2. Theological. The only doctrinal requirement for church membership should be assent to the principles of righteousness. When a man is willing to do the will of God as he understands it, he is fit to be received. I mean this in no superficial sense. In my mind it implies the spiritual experience to which I have already referred. What I mean is that no theological dogma whatsoever should be made a test of church membership. When a man really tries to do the will of God as he understands it, he is in that attitude of soul where, and where only, is found essential, genuine righteousness. "In this attitude," says Ex-President Fairchild, "the man is worthy of moral approbation, however imperfect his judgment, and however unsuccessful his effort. No more can properly be required of him by God or men. In character and in spirit he is a child of God, and wherever God gathers his children there he will be found." "As God sees the man who has taken this step, he is fit for the society of the faithful. All we can reasonably ask of any man to admit him to the church is evidence of his honesty of heart — a willingness to know and to do the truth."

Let no one say that this is lowering the standard of church membership. It is not lowering the standard; it is raising the standard. It is simply taking away what a rascal may profess to believe, and putting in its place a principle as deep as the soul and as lasting as eternity. The man that is willing to do the will of God may not have a theory of the new birth, but he has the new birth; he may not have a theory of the atonement, but he has received the atonement, and is ministering the atonement to the world.

If this is the correct idea as to dogma, it is evident that some one should have made an address on preparing the churches for membership; for we find ourselves in anomalous circumstances. While few churches confront candidates for membership with theological questions, most churches have outgrown creeds in their dusty archives, to which, in an indirect, shame-faced way, they ask assent. Those creeds, however some of them have been abridged and modified, are parts of a system that has done its work and has been superseded in the thoughts of men. They are broken arcs of an old circle. No other circle can ever be constructed with them. The change that has come is not a change in details, but a change in system. That change is as far-reaching in dogmatic theology, as the Copernican theory was in astronomy. Is, then, all lost? No, no! The star-garnished heavens stand and sing as in the morning of creation. They did not fall with the old theory. God, the soul, righteousness, and love remain. The very dissolution of man's imperfect definition of them is proof of the power of their everlasting fires.

To try to give a wholly new interpretation to the old phraseology is dishonest and weak; weak, because dishonest. The life has gone out of that body and is finding new incarnation. Why should the skeleton be kept in living churches? We ought not to break continuity with the past. The present is the child of the past. It is a weak child that calls the mother names. There is a place for history. There is a place for the skeletons, but that place is the historical society and the museum. Few persons relish the thought of a skeleton in the midst of the living; the fact that the skeleton is kept in the dark adds no cheer. Why should we cumber God's heritage with burdens neither we nor our fathers were able to bear? Our justification is that we have the same spirit as they had of old. Yes, but to do its work the spirit must manifest itself in the form of truth of the age. Phillips said, "Unless we do better than our fathers, we do not so well." Instead of apologizing for incongruous creeds, we ought to stand upon a foundation of truth so evident as to commend itself to every godly mind. In the absence of a system of theology, and preferably to any system of theology, we could unite in the simple covenant of our fathers: "They joined themselves by a covenant in the Lord," says Bradford, "into a church estate, in the fellowship of the gospel, to walk in all his ways, made known or to be made known unto them, according to their best endeavor, whatsoever it should cost them, the Lord assisting them." That comprehends everything desirable as a basis of church fellowship.

A larger body of theological truth, every thinking person must have. But that is a private matter. We should seek to train men in intellectual honesty — to keep the eye single, to accept nothing because it is old or because it is new, but because it is true. Then they will slowly form their own creeds or creeds will form in them. The self-formed creeds are the only creeds worth having. But such creeds are worth having. They are to the soul what the spinal column is to the body. The preparatory theological training is, then, first of all, a training to see. This is not all, but is so important, and so much needed, that I have given it exclusive emphasis. There is abundant truth in the Bible, in the heart, and in the life. The single eye will see that truth, the honest heart will love that truth, and the pure soul will glory in that truth.

3. Ethical. The church is for edification and for revival. The second commandment is like unto the first, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The humanity of religion is as essential as its divinity. Its divinity finds expression in human relationships. Jesus loved others more than himself. Such is to be the love of the church member. The emphasis upon service is wholesome. The New Testament heresies were heresies of living rather than of doctrine. Immoralities have always excluded from church membership. But there are immoralities other than the things usually so named. To refuse to recognize the brotherhood of man in practical ways is immoral. Selfishness is the worse heresy. A man doubts the virgin birth and is excluded from the church. Another affirms the virgin birth and boasts that he swallows both Jonah and the whale (which simply means that he has no appreciation of truth), and is welcomed as a man of great faith, though he recognize his neighbor only as prey for his selfish heart. Occasional sops to colleges and seminaries make hazy business ethics shine.

The teaching of the New Testament is clear on this point. "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" The principle of judgment is, "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of these, my brethren — the least of them — ye did it unto me"; "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of these — the least of them — ye did it not to me." We ought to train adults for membership who will have "the mind that was in Christ Jesus." This is definite, tangible, and comprehensive. The selfish man, though he subscribe to all the creeds and is forward to burn every heretic, has no place in the church. He is the chief enemy of the spirit of all the creeds of christendom.

Adults should be trained to regard the church not so much as a nursery as a society for work. Their piety should not depend upon the sweetness of the minister's smile or the caresses of the members. They should persevere even though the minister, with hundreds of parishioners and thousands of cares upon his mind, sometimes passes them without recognition, and though the deacons not always greet them with faces like the morning.

The righteousness that depends upon flattering favors does not approach the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees — not to speak of exceeding it. The call of the church is a summons to service. The disciples are not above their Lord. They should ask for nothing better than a fair chance to work as Christ worked. Life is not for pleasure but for glory; and glory is the halo of sacrifice. Dr. Hitchcock said, in his last sermon, "It is one of the revelations of scripture that we are to judge the angels, sitting above them on the shining heights. It may well be so. Those angels are the imperial guard, doing easy duty at home. We are the tenth legion, marching in from the swamps and forests of the far-off frontier, scarred and battered but victorious over death and sin." That is the picture of discipleship. When we invite a man to become a church member, he should understand that we are calling him to heroism.

I have said nothing as to specific methods of training. The man who is full of the matter will find a method. He will not copy another, but he will adapt himself to the circumstances of his field. Let me say, however, that while I believe in the usefulness of special classes, etc., I believe that the preaching of the word in the regular services must be the chief means of preparing adults for membership, as well as of edifying members. Some would reduce the sermon to an exhortation or an essay; others, to an exhibition of eloquence. An aged deacon said of an address, that he liked it, but that he would have liked it much better if the eloquence had been left out. Preachers need to throw eloquence to the dogs, and set forth mighty truth plainly. The time of long sermons is past, but the people are more interested in truth than ever. Who rightly divides the word of truth needs no freaks to draw the people. Nothing draws like theology scintillating with religion. When ritual or anything else supersedes the teaching function of the pulpit, the Pilgrim and Puritan churches languish; for they have lived on great soul-stirring truths. The call is to speak the word of the Lord frankly, clearly, fearlessly, powerfully. The results are with God. To be effective, exhortation must spring from intelligence. It must well up from flaming volcanoes of eternal principles. Who speaks from God is king; nothing can uncrown him save his own unfaithfulness to his high calling. Church members so grounded and inspired show the living Christ to humanity, and God goes forth anew in his world.

DO LITURGIES INSTRUCT?[1]

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The subject of this paper forms a part of the general topic of the meeting, "The Teaching Function of the Church." It seems to me a happy thought of the Provisional Committee to give the question of liturgies this form, and so lift it out of the somewhat threadbare aspect of a device for beautifying public worship.

I suppose the subject was stated interrogatively because it was felt that we were still in the tentative stage of thought and practice upon the question of liturgies, that there was not yet a sufficient consensus of opinion upon them to warrant a positive affirmation.

I feel myself that this is so; that we are still a little afraid of the *term*, however hospitably we may have welcomed the beginning of the *thing itself*.

For this reason I am anxious, at the outset, to clear my subject of misunderstanding and prejudice in two directions: —

We have nothing to do with the historical question of the origin of liturgies. Whether their use in the Christian church can be traced back beyond the fifth or fourth centuries is immaterial. The form of worship in the church is so manifestly a thing that ought to be adapted to the faith, life, and spirit of the times, that our interest in the practice of the primitive church is chiefly historical; we feel no obligation to conform to it to-day.

Nor do we need to enter upon the question whether liturgies, as we find them in use around us, are expressions of sound doctrine or give a right emphasis to the most vital elements of our Christian faith. Whatever faults they may have of this sort it is still open to us to construct a liturgy that would give true and appropriate expression to faith and duty as taught in our churches. The freedom of Congregationalism permits us to adapt our forms of worship and teaching to what we conceive to be the fittest way of expressing our beliefs, hopes, and purposes, untrammelled by what has been the practice elsewhere, and we do not greatly care to shape our forms upon the model of the Greek, the Roman, or the English churches.

It will be seen that I am not using the term "liturgy" in its stricter sense as applying to the order of the celebration of the Roman mass, nor as limited to any historical forms, but rather in its broader, etymological meaning as a work by the people; that is, any form of religious service which provides for the active participation of the whole body of worship-

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pers. Necessarily such forms must be predetermined, and naturally they will be given a character at once dignified, attractive, and fitted to promote religious thought and emotion. Very properly also in the formation or adaptation of a liturgy for use in our own times, we should avail ourselves of the wealth of liturgical material that has grown up with the growth of the church, but it would not be an adoption bodily of any earlier form, but rather a selection of the best expressions of faith, love, aspiration, and praise.

Now there are certain phenomena in connection with the practice of our churches which we cannot well overlook, and that are very significant. There is a manifest and widespread reaching out after an enrichment of religious expression in worship and the adoption of forms fitted to promote a more active participation in the service of the sanctuary on the part of the congregation. I have no recent statistics at hand, but as long ago as 1886 an investigation made by a committee of this Association showed that nearly half our churches had introduced what may properly be termed liturgical features into their forms of public worship; such for example as the Lord's prayer in unison, the responsive reading of the psalms, the so-called apostles' creed, the Gloria Patri, chants, and in some cases even prayers and responses selected from the ancient liturgies; and I suppose a similar census taken to-day would show that there has been marked progress in this direction during the fourteen years that have intervened. Whether we all realize it or not the question is settling itself for us by a quiet but steady growth of opinion and sentiment.

These changes have been prompted partly by a desire to promote a more general and active participation in worship by the congregation; partly by a craving for forms better fitted to express the faith and devotion of the worshipper, and to give greater beauty, dignity, and impressiveness to the service. I believe it would be impossible to give up these liturgical elements and go back to the older way, when the minister alone spoke for all, and the congregation had no active part whatever except to join in the singing of two or three hymns, without a distinct and general sense of loss. The new liturgy has already begun to form itself in our churches and is visibly growing before our eyes, slowly indeed, as is wise, but none the less surely.

There are some practical reasons why we should give this movement our encouragement. I suppose we have all been impressed by the strong hold which the Episcopal church has upon those who have been bred under its influence. It seems to me unique and significant. I have thought so much about it that I have taken some pains to ascertain its cause, and I am satisfied that the secret of it lies not so much in an intelligent appreciation of the ecclesiastical claims of that church as in a deep and fervent love of its rich and elaborate liturgy. Its solemn, chaste, and beautiful prayers, responses, chants, and litany, so well fitted to express the great universal feelings of humanity, its penitence, sorrow, faith, hope, and aspiration, have become to them like music mellowed by time, sacred symphonies of praise that stir all the deeps of the soul with rever-

ence and devotion. We have nothing like this in our older forms of service. The nearest analogy that I can find is that afforded by a very few of our older hymns and tunes, *e. g.*, the deep emotion we have sometimes felt when singing in the great congregation such a hymn as "When I survey the wond'rous cross" to the stately measures of "Hamburg." I am no admirer of the Episcopal church as a whole, but I cannot help asking myself the question, whether it has not a lesson to teach us, whether we have not been overlooking a potent means of winning and holding to our church services many who are drifting away from us. We sometimes say, I should think they would tire of repeating over and over again the same prayers and responses. My brethren, one fact is worth a hundred theories; the simple fact is they do not so tire.

The same lesson has been taught me by another class of organizations, the various secret societies so numerous in our midst, and never increasing so rapidly as now.

For a long time it was a problem for which I could find no solution, how to explain the interest so many seemed to find in the meeting of the lodges and councils of these bodies. I noted that some of my friends who were members, *e. g.*, of a masonic lodge, among them some who were members of my church, were very reluctant to make any arrangement that would conflict with the meeting of the lodge, and others who were not church members, men who rarely came to church except upon some special occasion, were very regular in their attendance there. Naturally I at first supposed it was the social opportunity they found there until I learned that in the working of an active lodge comparatively little time was available for social intercourse.

When, some two years ago, I became a Mason myself and had an opportunity to study from the inside this question which had so much interested me, nothing surprised me so much as to find how large a place the elaborate ritual of the lodge held in its meetings, how carefully and faithfully it was carried out, and perhaps, most of all, the strong and enduring interest it had to a certain class of minds. While, of course, there are various motives to draw men together at these meetings, to my mind it is now clear that for many the supreme attraction is the work of the lodge. And this, it must be remembered, is a liturgy without the unique quality which the church can give to whatever forms it chooses to adopt.

I do not, of course, claim that all classes of minds are equally affected in this way. Naturally there are many who have no strong taste for these things and who lose their interest when the novelty has worn off. But there are enough whose interest seems real and permanent to suggest some very earnest questions to the thoughtful Christian minister who is pondering the problem, how the church may make its appeal to men who have little or no interest in its spiritual teachings and who must in some way be brought under its influence to be trained to sympathy with them.

But here the question may arise, Is there any positive benefit in this beyond mere spectacular entertainment? Do the teachings of the liturgies of the lodge make any practical impression upon the minds of its mem-

bers? Does it convey any real lesson and secure its acceptance? In other words, Do liturgies instruct?

I have only a very limited acquaintance with the secret orders and must in fact draw my conclusions from my study of only one of them. I have no hesitation in saying, I think there is an effect produced, that certain precepts and standards of conduct are successfully inculcated to this extent, that they become definitely recognized as an obligation of every one who would be true to his order.

We meet here, of course, the same difficulty that we do in all teaching that endeavors to incite men to better lives. The amount of instruction and admonition seems, as it does in the church, vastly out of proportion to the results achieved. But I think there can be no question that these various societies do succeed in informing the mind with certain ideals and standards of life, however imperfectly they may be realized in conduct.

That this must be the result will be obvious when we consider what a liturgy actually does. It secures the repeated utterance of certain truths or precepts in carefully chosen language fitted to fix them in the memory. The result is precisely the same as when we teach a child to commit to memory the Ten Commandments, the summary of the commandments found in the gospels, or Christ's golden rule of duty. We have fixed in the memory a standard of conduct. Whatever failure there may be in positive effect upon the life, the child knows henceforth what he ought to do.

But a properly constructed liturgy also tends to engage the emotions in sympathy with its teachings. In the best specimens of liturgical utterance we find a certain quality of rhythm or musical cadence that awakens the feelings and so facilitates this instruction. There are in all our congregations many whom we should find it very difficult to persuade to commit to memory a catechism, who would willingly join in a liturgical utterance of all its most vital truths; and with this gain, that they would not only be impressed upon the memory, but also to some degree engage the heart.

It may be added that a liturgy careful prepared and repeatedly used in the sanctuary, an utterance to which the church gives its sanction and in which the whole great congregation joins, gains a kind of authority for its teachings, that authority that always lies in a consensus of belief. We have a very striking illustration of this in some comparatively recent church history. We can hardly account, in any other way, for the persistence of certain religious ideas that seem to us anachronisms. We wonder sometimes that the Anglican High church view gains so strong an assent among intelligent cultivated minds; but the fundamental ideas of this movement have been impressed upon the mind and heart by constant utterance under solemn and stately forms that tend to give them a kind of authority, and the effect, visible before us, bears very convincing testimony to the power of liturgies to instruct.

We can surely conceive of a liturgy of the truth, into which shall be incorporated materials old and new, which shall express the most vital

elements of our religious faith, fix them in the memory, engage the heart, and better realize what is so perfectly in accord with the spirit of Congregationalism, the direct active participation by the whole congregation in the service of the sanctuary.

It should be especially congenial to Congregationalists to make our public worship congregational rather than priestly. The priest stands between the people and God, acting as a mediator between them. The Congregational ministry is not a priesthood in theory; it ought not to be so in practice. Every effort should be made to change these bodies of silent auditors into active worshippers.

We have long recognized the importance of this individual participation in the prayer meeting. We have been urgent in pressing upon every Christian the duty of taking some active part in the service, either of prayer or testimony. The Christian Endeavor societies have even required a distinct pledge to this end. The principle is unquestionably sound. But we have overlooked or ignored the plain truth, that not every one is fitted to publicly express his faith and devotion in his own language, that the effort to do this under the pressure of a sense of duty must, in many cases, lead to painful self-consciousness, anxiety as to what others may be thinking of his crude and imperfect expressions, utterances that are far from edifying or quickening to anybody, all of which may tend to produce a strained and unnatural development of the religious experience, and to make the weekly prayer meeting a place into which one will go with a lurking dread, and from which he will come away either with a feeling of unprofitable humiliation or with the painful sense of a duty unperformed, rather than a place where his religious feelings have been quickened, his mind instructed, his burdens lightened, and his sorrows comforted.

Why should we not fully recognize the truth that there may be diversities of gifts with the same spirit, and while we encourage all who are in any way fitted therefor, in informal testimony and prayer, provide also some simple forms in which all may voice their penitence, faith, and love?

Whatever we may do in this direction will naturally and wisely come by careful, thoughtful development rather than by a radical and sudden change. We shall adopt nothing simply because it is old, nothing however euphonious in expression, that is not in full accord with the truth we cherish. We shall gather things both new and old that utter our profoundest faiths, our most sacred ideals and hopes, our reverence and love.

URBAN LAWLESSNESS AND CORRUPTION.[1]

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My treatment of this subject will be from the standpoint of a pessimist, and I remark at the outset that from my point of view lawlessness and corruption are not peculiarly urban, but they permeate with about equal force the four general divisions into which civilized society may be roughly classed: urban, suburban, village, and rural. In my boyhood — that was many years ago — an itinerant preacher, a neighbor of my father's, preached a sermon from this text: "In the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." Continuing, he said, "My subject naturally divides itself into three topics. In the furst place, we all thurst; in the second place, how to squench that thurst; in the third place, how to git at it." Following his divisions, whether natural or not, we shall all admit that there are lawlessness and corruption, not only urban, but in the whole body politic as well. We can readily find the means and the appliances — we have plenty of them at hand — of correcting the evils under which we suffer, but the how to get at it; in the language of the late Mr. Tweed, "What are we going to do about it?" is the far more difficult, the vital problem; it is one than which no more serious ever occupied the thought of thoughtful men.

If we go back to our first proposition, and inquire the origin or source, in other words, how came there to be urban lawlessness and corruption, we may be aided in the solution of our second and third problems — how to suppress or cure, and how to do it. I think all will agree that the body politic — civilized society — may be compared, with some degree of exactness, to the human body; and that if one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it. We may also say, "that if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out; it is better to enter into life with one eye rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell"; so with the hand or the foot or any other member.

The human body is diseased, or may become diseased, from one or both of two causes; hereditary — the sins of the fathers upon the children — and wrong living, such as bad air, bad food, drink and numerous other causes, sins of the body for which each person is to a great degree responsible and whose penalty he must bear without excuse.

A third ill to the human body comes from external causes, such as contagious disease or accident for which in most cases one is not personally responsible, but his ability to resist such an attack almost always depends upon his condition as due to hereditary, his own manner of life or both.

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For example; in an acute attack of "blood poisoning," the result of a very slight accident, the physician said to the patient: "Were your blood polluted with alcohol or tobacco, I would make you comfortable; as it is, I will make a fight for your life," result, the patient is here to-day and in fair health.

We are wont in our thought to think of urban evils as boils or ulcers — simply local. These in the human body are indications of an abnormal state of the blood — the springs of life; you apply your remedy locally — dry up the sore — you have not effected a cure. The disease still remains and can only be eradicated by purifying the whole body. Job may have been an exception if his disease was boils — more likely it was other disease than modern boils or ulcers; a contagious disease that attacked "a perfect and upright man, one that feared God and eschewed evil." Right living — a pure mind and a healthy body — enabled Job to keep his integrity; he resisted disease and has come down in history as a man of God. I have not time to inquire how far our urban evils are hereditary — the result of our political system — "the growth of our growth and the strength of our strength," and therefore a part of ourselves, very difficult of correction and cure; nor how far they are an acute attack due to transient causes which will disappear as those causes pass by. They are really due to both, it is to be hoped much more to the latter than the former and that the body politic has power to resist disease and then to become healthy — normal.

It is at this point that the pessimist and optimist part company. For our present condition the former sees no efficient remedy, while the latter sees little of evil and a remedy always at hand for that little. The pessimist talks of a purer and a better time when an adverse canvassing board counted a governor elected in this Commonwealth by a majority of one in the popular vote, and when men served in public life and returned to private life as poor in *purse* as when they left it. The optimist says: "This is a great country and that Liberty (spelled with capital letters) follows the flag." Possibly the truth is somewhere between these extremes. In my thought, I go back to my boyhood and early manhood: I remember that this was a slave-holding country and that the church with very inconsiderable exceptions acquiesced in that condition. My own college president, a Congregational minister, defended the institution as Biblical and as ordained of God. The church did not lift up her hands to aid the weak. Parker, Garrison, Phillips, and many others, now gone over to the silent majority, "Of whom the world was not worthy," disfellowshipped by the church, gave themselves to a work which she refused to do. The war came — four years of blood and iron — the slave was free. Yet, not free — he will not be free, until he is strong or the strong ceases to oppress the weak. Then came ten years of "carpet bagging." Before the war the men who reckoned their property by millions; as I remember, there was one in New York with twenty-five millions; one in Boston with six millions. Large fortunes were made during the war; other fortunes during the carpet-

bagging era. Large numbers of men acquired great properties for which they returned no equivalent to the body politic; then came other fortunes through the wrecking and reconstruction of railroads, and still others in the rise of values in city lots for which their possessors rendered no equivalent, values enchanced by other men who swept the seas or delved in mines. I do not refer at all to the benefits rendered to civilized society by new inventions or the opening up of mines and other natural resources, but to the mania of getting something for nothing which now permeates all classes of society; because we can do a thing, it is therefore *right*.

Is it any wonder that when, as is almost universally the case in this country, men of worth and ability refuse to sit in municipal boards, and their places are taken by men of lower order both in honesty and capacity; that when large sums of money are being spent in modern improvements, the lower order of men find ways of getting something for nothing; that men with a year or two each in the common council, in the board of aldermen, and in the mayor's chair, seem to live easy ever after? The general tone of society has made this possible.

We have another element of lawlessness and corruption which is conspicuous, — the liquor traffic; men with little ability and less conscience can here make money when they can do it in no other way. We regard the Commonwealth as a unit in most matters; but we have local option and restricted license as to this traffic. Careful observation shows that in our twenty years of local option there has been a gradual separation of the well-to-do and the poorer, as to where they live. Boston is a metropolitan center on a large scale; Lowell, Lawrence, and Fall River are such on a small scale; each of these, and most other cities similarly situated, vote license, while the cities and towns by which they are surrounded vote no license. The better elements move into the no-license towns and into the wards of the cities where few licenses are granted; the mechanic and low-wage owner are left; the church follows its opulent supporters or becomes a missionary station, or later, extinct. Large populations of Protestants become unchurched; the Catholic churches do better. How can you expect Boston to be well governed when so much of its best blood has migrated to Quincy, Dedham, Newton, Brookline, Cambridge, Somerville, and Chelsea? Unless the Commonwealth again becomes a unit in regulating the liquor traffic, we are to reach a still lower deep in urban lawlessness and corruption.

The makeshift of placing Boston under a metropolitan police is only temporary. The political power of Boston and a few other cities of like tendencies is already strong enough, when united, to throw off the guardianship of the Commonwealth. We are taking "blood poison" into the cities through immigration and otherwise, and we are leaving them to work their will with few restraints. The Protestant church is becoming the church of the few — the well-to-do — not the very wealthy or the very poor; it does not touch people in common life as it ought. A recent article in the *Congregationalist* says, "The church in Haverhill has never been in touch with the shoemakers," and yet the shoemakers are an intel-

ligent class; they are a powerful class — witness the last two municipal elections in that city — and they need the aid of the church. The church is discredited because the outsider — the wage earner — has too much cause to think that it has become a very respectable and sentimental club.

I come now to inquire how to correct our evils. That is easy in theory. We have law enough — enforce the law. How can a drunkard become a sober, human man? Why, by stopping drinking. All true, but how can he do it? How many drunkards have you ever known? Did you ever know of one who did not desire to reform or who did not know the means of reformation? How many cases of actual reform have you ever known? We know how to quench the thirst, but we do not do it — do not get at it; and yet if we cannot suppress urban lawlessness and corruption, the fate of this republic is sealed, and makes one more failure. Reform there must be, but where will it begin? Perhaps other Garrisons, Phillipses, Parkers, and Mrs. Stowes will arise and lead the reform, but their support must be from the better rather than the poorer strata of society.

There are those who remember when Queen Victoria came to the English throne. They also remember the low state of morals prevailing in the English court for the then century and a quarter of the house of Brunswick. Her one life has been a constant inspiration to better home living among her people. She has accomplished what she desired by *doing* it. Reforms have been projected in the cities of the United Kingdom by a class of men who in this country have no time; I should say, no dispositon to do such things. The acquisition of wealth is too common a factor in our social and civic life.

Washington Gladden makes a fight for, and gains a seat, in the common council of Columbus. Five thousand men of equal ability and purity of life should do the same thing; but as yet they do not, and when they do it, it will be only a reformation on the surface. It will make us appear better, but no reform will be permanent that does not proceed from basal principles: *Right, because it is right.* We have been going down hill for a quarter of a century; would that we could recover our lost ground in a like period of time. Who of us is ready in his own person to undertake the work? We shall not get on as easy as we do now; some of us will be poorer, our churches will become more of what they ought to be, and less like respectable clubs. The work of saving the world began at the very top when the human Son of God, the Divine Son of man, was born in a manger; in his mature manhood had not where to lay his head, even though the foxes had holes and the birds had nests. Few of his followers can claim that degree of poverty, and none his degree of sacrifice. There have always been rich men and there always will be. The church must educate those men that large properties are a trust. She must educate rich and poor alike, that they are only stewards — and that when the chief steward shall appear he will say to each: "Give me an account of thy stewardship, for thou mayest be no longer steward." She must not wink at the evasion of taxes and other questionable means of acquiring property and seek the wealth so gained for her own endowment. The church has outgrown

the inferiority of women as set forth by St. Paul, and that very much to the advantage of both the woman and the church. Her next step should be the outgrowing of the doctrine she has inferred from the teaching of the same apostle: "Hath not the potter power over the clay to make one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?" She must *believe* in and *teach* the equality and brotherhood of man. A marriage dowry of five millions in Fifth Avenue; a young girl starving in the Bowery; the Queen in her palace at Osborne with the cross of St. George flying from its towers, and a woman of her own age, pinched and careworn, selling matches at her gate (this last I saw) are not incidents commendable of the Christian civilization of nineteen centuries.

My standpoint is that of a pessimist in an age of ultra optimism; I say ultra, because the church has the power to raise up those who are bowed down, but she does not do it. Does she not rather join the ranks of the strong? Witness the two strong nations in Christendom to-day strengthening themselves in the conquest of the weak. The church looks on and acquiesces if not applauds. Were there no evils, social or civic, within their own borders that needed correction, that either of them must seek new fields of reform among weak peoples beyond the seas? Did not "the submerged tenth" of the great metropolis on the Thames need any attention? Has our guardianship of the two weak races within our borders been such a success as to entitle us to other trusts? When the great senator of this great Commonwealth, in a speech most masterly and most patriotic, appeals from the spirit of gain to the spirit of liberty, our own religious journal accords him scant courtesy, and thinks he has missed the spirit of his times. Possibly he has; possibly Jesus Christ did when he said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Will the religion of Jesus do its work in the world? Let the history of nineteen centuries answer; or, I answer, Never until we go back to the first principles: live right ourselves, and do unto others as we would that they should do unto us, for thus taught the Master.

RURAL LAWLESSNESS AND CORRUPTION.[1]

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The topic implies the conditions. The rural town has been the theme for essayists, and the magazines and papers have sought eagerly for their articles, and the people have as eagerly read them.

It is easy to assume a condition and find things that will warrant the assumption. One finds what he is looking for and will often be ignorant of other things as important and as true.

Are rural lawlessness and corruption really on the increase? or, do they

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appear so because more light has been cast on rural life? In either case there is need of action to stop the increase or to hasten the decrease.

The facts will warrant the assertion that extreme cases have been taken as types, especially in our own State. This is unfair. A large minority might safely be thus taken, but the conclusions will not apply in that number of cases.

I have written letters to reliable citizens of towns with and without the railroad, and of towns with and without villages, and have conferred with men of good judgment who are over eighty years old, also with police officers, and the universal answer is, that the conditions are better than a generation ago. There is less intemperance, licentiousness, gambling, rowdyism, and profanity.

No one will deny that there are places where the comparison would be unfavorable. One writer, says: "The localities which show an increase of lawlessness also reveal the reasons for the increase. With communities as with individuals there can be no standstill, and in some places the conditions are such that people lose courage and life becomes a mere existence in a hopeless fashion. In these places are the worst types of brutal lawlessness."

Another writes: "If there has been an increase, it has come from roughs who have their home in the villages. Sections of sparsely settled towns convenient of access from the village are favorite meeting places for keepers of the lowest sort of liquor shops and houses of ill-fame, and as the arrest and prosecution of such fellows involves a good deal of expense, much of which comes upon the towns, town officers and others are slow to prosecute." I mention the remedy under the head of police.

The cities and villages have grown at the expense of the rural districts. Often their very bone and sinew have come from the country. Their increased railroad facilities have multiplied their favors to the detriment of the isolated sections. Their increase of school facilities has made the condition of rural towns deplorable through very contrast.

This is not lamentable. The engine does not start all the cars at once, and improvement, beginning at the centers of life, reaches but slowly the circumference, and often, like the wave caused by the pebble, loses its force with diminishing population with a decrease as the square of the distance increases.

Permit me, then, in speaking of the means for improvement to name those also that in many places are effectual in their way.

The greatest need is to be found in the home. It is said that there is as much family government as ever but it is that of the child and not of the parent. The demand for the curfew law and its beneficent result show this. The child is not in the church. Why? The child is not in the Sunday school save as it is enticed there by fond teacher or superintendent. Why? The child is not in the home. Why? There is no fireside, no family gathering, no family unit. Why? The parent relegates his duty to the State, the church, the neighbor's children, and the street. It is time that the State and the church compelled the parent.

to do his duty. If one generation could be educated on this line, the home problem would be solved and through it all others simplified.

After the family comes the community. In order to it there must be a social center. If a town consists in farms there must be something to bind their occupants together. The farmer cannot live alone. He must have his social helpmeet. If there is a central village there must be a social bond between farmer and villager. This is the basis of law.

Formerly the church was the center of social life. From it radiated to every home the influences which made for manhood in every department, and to it returned only the best from every man, woman, and child. It molded character, inspired to intellectual development and to reverence for all that was pure and good and true. Its vestry was the town hall. The town meetings were opened with prayer and conducted in the fear of God and for the welfare of the fellow man. The minister was the first citizen, the representative not only of the best, but the ideal for the young.

There is no doubt of the decay of the rural church, but it is not due to depopulation. The Jews supported one tribe out of the twelve as priests and prospered under it. Has there a rural town in Massachusetts reached that ratio? Cannot any community of God-fearing men and women have a church as a social center?

The decay of the church in rural towns is due to the strife of sects. Sectarianism, which was an instrument in God's hands to arouse zeal and enthusiasm in unchurched places, and which inspired a generous rivalry in mission work, became a tool of the powers of darkness. On the whole, it has been a blessing, but in rural towns it has proved a curse. It has been the cause of decay even in towns where there was not enough strength to build an opposition meeting house. I have known seeds of contention, which would have lain dormant forever, forced to germination by non-resident representatives of another sect. The center of social life thus divided, factions arose whose interests were not the same, and whose members could not meet on social lines save where they tended to demoralization.

The various sects have a terrible account to render for their disobedience to the Master's command, "Forbid not, for he that is not against you is for you."

The church as no other factor can hasten the day of rural purity. Some towns, like government officials, have been aided so long from outside sources (and the more sects the more aid) that they will die if the aid is removed. But is it not better to let die than to propagate the evil? "If thy right hand offend thee cut it off." If the church were dead, then the Gospel messenger could go as to a clear field in which to conquer for the Lord.

The confederation of churches must not be restricted to the cities. Denominational pride must humble itself, and the rural fields wisely organized and equipped, not for denominational success, but for the success of the kingdom of God. This is the only way that the foreign element can be evangelized and the New England Sabbath be kept from profanation.

The foreigner comes from church domination into communities where the only strife is on church lines.

In some towns this evil has been tempered or the church aided by clubs formed among the farmers and villagers, without respect to religion or politics. They meet as neighbors and friends, with a common social need and a community of interests, either material or intellectual, or both. It is surprising what has already been accomplished by these in bringing the different elements of a community together. In them Christians find their differences lost sight of and their true religious life taking on its likeness to the Master. Many a church quarrel has been settled in them, and many a sect hatred turned to love. The question of religion may be forbidden; but, as everything is colored by the medium through which it passes, where men and women are together, and the family is recognized, every question takes on a moral coloring. I believe the church should foster these meetings, and through them find a common ground of unity.

In the rural places the saloon is not a competitor. Indeed, it is rarely a social question. Drinker and seller are under the ban. When we read the facts concerning the saloon, we know that, in comparison with the cities and villages where it is legalized, the prohibitive rural communities must be freer from crime and corrupting evils. The tendency cannot be so great. The outdoor life and early rising of the country youth lessen the desire for nightly entertainment. If there is gambling, it is not usually incited by drink. The fact, also, that every one is known and his name an honored one, is a restraint.

This does not hold in factory villages nor among the foreign population. Crimes like that which occurred in Shelburne Falls, a few years ago, are the result of the tolerance of a hoodlum element, either through fear, or because their lawlessness and corruption are perpetrated on their own class. The question of police meets this condition.

The decrease of population has been the greatest source of harm to the school. When the country school was full, although it lacked in teaching ability and rowdyism ruled in it, a certain quality of manhood was cultivated through very contact of numbers. To-day, there are less than a dozen pupils in many of these schools, and in them there is less of lawlessness and corruption than when I was a boy. I doubt if you can find the country school in this State where the bully, of whom even the teacher stands in awe, rules both the school and the play-ground. I doubt if you can find the obscene pictures and language on the walls of the buildings, or on notes, passed without thought of sex, or hear the vile and profane language which was once typical of the country school. The pugilistic encounters of former days are no more, and the teacher is respected and obeyed without the use of the ferrule and the birch rod. Samson has been shorn of his locks. The larger boys and girls are finding their way to the center school or to the neighboring academy, and the teacher feeds her few sheep on the hill-side unmolested.

But even this is being bettered through transportation to the center where the pupils are taught in graded work under the incentive of num-

bers. The day is not far distant when the district school and the little red school-house will be no more, for the children will be carried from the distant homes to the one town school. Then there will be the enthusiasm of numbers, the restraint of more than one teacher, the oversight of the town rather than of a neighbor, and the common carriage, under the care of a chosen driver, will be a place where vile talk will not be heard and the smallest child will have his rights respected. The school then will be an inculcator of respect for law and a guardian and cultivator of the highest moral character.

Allied with the school is the public library. The time was, and that not long ago, when the Bible and the county paper provided the reading for the rural communities. These were supplemented with the debating society and the gossip of the country store. Then men read little and talked a great deal. Then the youth formed their opinions from those of their elders.

The cheapening of paper, the increased power of the press, and better transportation made literature cheap and cheapened literature. The powers of evil took advantage of these and scattered vile seed. Instead of the good the bad found its way into rural homes, and the minds of the youth were filled with the desire to emulate not the best but the worst, around whose lives was thrown a halo of glory. It would be a shame to mention the demoralizing, debasing, corrupting trash which was in the hands of school children a generation ago — read in secret, but still read. Books were too dear and too sacred to be read by children. They were not kept to be worn out, nor to be devoured like sweet-meats, but to be looked at like pictures.

In some places custodians of public libraries, even yet, try to preserve books rather than to get them read. They estimate the value of the library not in the number of its legitimately worn-out volumes, but in the number it has unworn on the shelves. Prodigality of good books must become the popular fad.

Into few rural towns can one now go and not find the public library and well patronized. These libraries are well chosen, for local pride if nothing else demands the best.

The State has done well on many lines and from her the church may learn a lesson. The poorer towns have been eager to raise money in order to secure the State appropriation. Often the school superintendent has been first appointed to secure the State funds and, his value learned through experience, he has been retained to the benefit of the town. The public library has made its way through the same method. Nor have State roads been behind in their influence. They are breaking up the isolation by making the centers accessible and the fellowship of the world is carried to the remotest door.

But in order to success, lawlessness and corruption, as they are, must be restrained. In the rural places the police force is inefficient. A modified form of the Tammany system is found. Their police are the constables chosen at the town meeting, and often from the element which they are supposed to keep in wholesome respect of law.

If there is a police officer he is usually chosen from the body of citizens and is a representative of the element to be restrained or is imported to be sneered at and despised as a foreign hireling. He is the servant of the selectmen and must do their bidding. The result is, instead of being the inculcator of respect for law, he becomes a silent, though effectual, teacher of contempt for all laws toward which the mass of the people are indifferent.

A community votes a prohibitive liquor law, has a police officer on its streets day and night, and the former saloon merely changes its door of entrance and kitchen dives flourish and the Sunday laws are openly violated. The police officer is condemned and he refers you to the selectmen who obey the power that controls the balance of power at the town meeting. The so-called best element fear for their business if they take definite action and the farce goes on. The boys are trained to hold the officers in contempt and to have the opinion of law in general that the ancients did of theft — the evil not in breaking the law, but in being found out. This is the village condition, but, like yeast, it leavens all parts of the community.

State aid is also needed here through a State system of police. Every police officer should be the servant of the Commonwealth and the conservator of its laws. He should know no one, save the State, whom to obey, and he should respect the citizens in proportion only as they are obedient to the laws. He should enforce the law without fear or favor, knowing that his tenure of office and his promotion depended on his success as a restrainer of the vicious.

The hoodlum element would soon realize the need of absorption into the body politic, or else the assurance of their extirpation, while the youth would be trained to obedience, in consciousness that the State had a real existence and possessed a power which they were bound to respect, and those rural sections where crime lurks in the solitudes would soon appeal to the State to protect them from themselves by the excision of their destructive element.

When the rural towns are brought into touch with the centers of civic and religious life — like the cells of the body through the capillaries, veins, and arteries with the heart — so that when one member suffers all will suffer with it and the common interdependence be realized, then rural lawlessness and corruption will reach their minimum, and the country towns will be to the body politic what the mountains and hills are to the fertile plains. They will send of their life into the cities to renew and purify their life without impoverishing their own, for the stream will return to them again as the water to the fountains in the rivers of God which are full.

The rural towns must be considered in every project for the amelioration and evangelization of men. The Commonwealth and the church must work together to take the best to them, knowing well that it will return a hundred fold in the manhood and womanhood fresh from nature's bosom to make strong the strength everywhere.

DUTY OF THE CHURCH IN RELATION TO CIVIL AND POLITICAL MATTERS.[1]

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During the past twenty years I have taken quite an active part in politics, and what I shall say to-day is the result of experience and not of abstract theory. And as my time is quite limited I shall confine myself to a consideration of the duty of the church in relation to politics.

What is politics? It is a common tendency among men when they look upon anything and do not take any part in it, to note the evil rather than the good. When you speak of home, that sweetest place on earth and the very nucleus of the highest civilization known in this world, the old bachelor sings, —

> "Needles and pins, needles and pins,
> When a man marries, his trouble begins."

When you speak of the church, the outsider who was never within the place of worship, says, "It is a body of people who consider themselves a little better than anybody else, but who are really hypocrites." So it is with politics. To those who do nothing in it, the word suggests bosses, boodle, rings, wire-pulling, and trickery. And they feel like the minister who offered prayer at a political convention. After he had tried to think of something in connection with politics for which he might thank the Lord, he said, "But finally, O Lord! take us all to the place where there will be no more politics and no more politicians."

Politics, however, is really a science and an art. As a science it leads us to rise to the summit of mental vision, take a broad survey of human society, note the relation of man to man, the relation of each to those things we call property, and consider what laws should be enacted in order to protect the life, liberty, and varied rights of all. As an art it leads us to make use of the practical means of securing the desired ends. Therefore politics rightly understood demands the exercise of the highest principles and talents. What, then, is the duty of the church in relation to it? By church, we may mean the collective body or the individuals who compose it. For many years I have endeavored to think of some way in which the church as such might take an active part in politics, but I have come to the conclusion that it is not advisable for it to do so.

First, because not all of the members of the church are eligible to the right of suffrage. Secondly, because the members belong to different

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political parties. Thirdly and chiefly, because it would prevent the most efficient co-operation of church members with those who are not such, but who really desire the same political ends as do the members themselves.

What is the duty of the church members in relation to politics?

This raises a fundamental question. What is the true scope of Christian activity and responsibility? I once had a conversation with a young man after a revival meeting, and I asked him what he thought it was to be a Christian. He promptly replied, "Go to church and say your prayers." If it be true that a person who simply does those things has been born again, he must be in the teething period.

Is a Christian one who tries to do God's will on Sunday and his own selfish will on Monday? Is he one who seeks to win souls on Sunday and simply win bread for himself the rest of the week? Is he one who endeavors to help others on Sunday and to cheat them on week days? Is he one who *talks* about the duty of making the world purer and better while he is within the consecrated walls of a church, and then ignores that duty as soon as he has left the sanctuary, and calmly sings, —

> "Let the world jog on as it will,
> I 'll be gay and happy still"?

It is indeed a Christian's duty, and also privilege, to go to church and to pray; but when he satisfies his conscience by saying to himself with sanctimonious resignation, "Prayer is the arm that moves the world," and considers his duty done, I would say to him that man has two arms. Prayer is one arm that reaches out toward God and gains the power, enlightenment and inspiration which become a part of his very being, and work through the other arm which is extended manward and thus helps to move the world. The man who folds either arm will not move the world as he should do; neither will he do his duty to others who stretches out both arms toward God, imploring Him for joy, peace and final salvation from a punishment which he quite likely deserves. Christ is indeed *the* Light of the World; but every Christian should be *a* light. And light not only discovers corruption but strives to purify it. Therefore, a Christian should not look upon matters which concern human welfare and simply discover the evil, but he should do his part to remedy it. His duty in relation to politics, therefore, is clearly to do what he can in it consistently with his other duties and in proportion to their comparative importance.

Is it of much importance that Christians should take part in politics? Our officials expend hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars. I speak particularly of cities, and in them reside about seventy per cent of the population of the Commonwealth.

According to the replies which I have recently received from the city treasurers of quite a number of our cities, only about one half of the members of the City Councils pay more than a poll tax. And as they have not been accustomed to handle large sums of money of their own,

they are naturally inclined to expend the people's money carelessly and extravagantly.

Furthermore, they are likely to be easily tempted by offers of money made by those who are interested in matters which are to be decided by the City Council. I have been told by a business man who has had large experience in making contracts with cities that it is very rare that money is not used to influence some of the members of the City Council — usually members of the special committee to whom the matter is referred.

"I don't care for arguments, I want votes," said the manager of a large corporation that has many matters before City Councils. This remark was made in my presence. Evidently he had been accustomed to use something other than arguments or facts to obtain votes. What was it? Is it not important to know the answer to this question and act accordingly?

Those who take part in politics determine who are to manage our schools, attend to our highways, enact all laws in relation to temperance, labor, gambling, observance of the Sabbath, and nearly all other matters concerning the rights, protection and welfare of the people. At this meeting of the State Association you have chosen a committee on temperance, one on labor, one on gambling, and one on Sabbath observance; but no committee on politics has been chosen. That is like a farmer who sits in his house and indifferently allows anybody who will to sow seeds of thistles or weeds in his soil, and when the harvest season has been nearly reached goes with some other good men to the field to endeavor to reap golden grain. How much wiser and more effective to give attention to the sowing of the seed.

Do not duty, wisdom and common sense unite in calling upon Christians to see that such men are elected to expend our money and make our laws as will do so wisely and honestly?

Many men will not do anything to remedy the evils of politics until they have been specially affected. For several years some of the citizens of Cambridge made a great effort to prevent the licensing of saloons, but they could not arouse the Harvard professors. Finally a license was granted to a man to keep a liquor saloon on a street where several of the professors resided; and then they all earnestly co-operated with the other citizens and carried the city for no-license. But Christians are not supposed to be guided by the principle of doing unto others as they may feel like doing, but to obey the voice which says, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

It seems too clear to need further consideration, that the issues of politics are of great importance.

What, then, can Christians do?

1. They can get registered.

Not long since a lady visited a country school and found that the American flag was not flying over the school-house as usual; and when she went inside she saw one boy standing in a corner with his face toward the wall, and noticed that all of the others were crying. The lady asked

what all this meant; and the reply was that the boy on the corner had told a lie, and that the teacher would n't let the flag be raised, because she said that the American flag must not float over a boy who had told a lie.

With equal truth, at least, it may be said that the American flag, the symbol of protection to person and property, should not float over a man who would not take the trouble to get registered.

2. They can attend the caucus.

I admit it is of but little use to attend a caucus which is simply run by the boss and his machine. But when men who do desire a better condition of things make a contest, every Christian man should make an effort to attend the caucus and do his part to secure the desired result. If the polls are kept open several hours and an Australian ballot is used, good results can be obtained. But in city elections where party politics should be set aside, I am a firm believer in the use of nomination papers instead of the caucus.

3. They can vote on election day.

Bosses and corrupt politicians count upon the indifference of church members. They rejoice in a rainy election day, because they have learned from experience that the call of spoils is greater than the call of duty.

Christians should not only vote but they should vote intelligently. They should make a reasonable effort to learn who are the best candidates for office. Some one has truly said that many Christians vote as they pray — with their eyes closed. This is not just to themselves nor to the candidates nor to the people whom the successful candidates are to serve. By a little effort every voter can learn from some one in whom he has confidence the qualifications of the several candidates, if he does not have time to make a more careful investigation.

4. They can organize with other good men who are not church members.

This is the most effective means of purifying politics which can be used. It has fallen to my lot to serve as president of two large political organizations that were composed of church members and others. No one thought of these organizations as having any relation to the church; but as a matter of fact in each of them the president, secretary, treasurer and a majority of the executive committee were members of some church, and these men determined the policy and course of action of the whole organization, so that the church members practically took part in politics, but the efficiency of their efforts was greatly increased by the combination with those who were not church members.

5. They can consent to serve their fellow-citizens, if elected to office.

When men earnestly endeavor to secure the nomination and election of upright and competent men, it is very discouraging to try in vain to induce good men to allow themselves to be candidates. If Christian men would be willing to have their names thus used, they would lend great aid to every effort to improve the condition of political matters.

But we should not expect to purify politics in one election. Christians are too spasmodic in their political efforts. Once in a few years they

become aroused to a sense of their duty by the doings of corrupt and incompetent officials, but they are so inexperienced in politics that they do not know what to do in order to succeed. They are like the Irishman who began to trim a tree from the bottom. When he finished his task he found himself "up a tree." But no permanent good can be accomplished by a single effort. God teaches us this in His own works. The sun rises and shines day after day and week after week and month after month before the seed sends forth its tender blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. And when one good harvest has been reaped, He does not leave the seed to take care of itself, so to speak, the next year; but year after year, the same course is faithfully pursued.

What would be the condition of the church, if the minister should preach one fine sermon endeavoring to impress upon the people the way of righteousness, and then retire from the pulpit? Week after week the faithful minister seeks to promote pure and upright living among his congregation; and still there is not a Sunday when there are not in his audience some who have been lying during the past week, and will continue to lie during the coming week; some who have been unjust and will continue to be unjust; some who have been hypocritical and will continue to be so; others who have been unkind and will continue to be so, and many more who have been selfish and will be for a long time to come.

Where would the Sunday school be, if we adopted the course which we do in politics? What measure of success would you have in business, if you adopted that course?

Patient continuance in well-doing is the price of every lasting good in this world. It is, however, very encouraging to remember that when good men do co-operate and earnestly and persistently do their part in politics, they usually succeed. I am confident that this would be the testimony of Christian men who have had experience in politics. Not that they always accomplish all that they endeavor to do. Such is not their experience in any department of life. But the measure of success is as encouraging and fruitful as in other fields of duty. And if Christian men would do their reasonable duty in relation to political matters, the day would soon dawn when it could no longer be said with truth that the saloon exerts a greater influence than the church in politics.

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Daniel E. Burtner, Swampscott, *i.*, Nov. 16, 1899.
Edward A. Chase, Wollaston, *i.*, Oct. 10, 1899.
George W. Clark, Paxton, *o.*, April 6, 1900.
Ozora S. Davis, Newtonville, *i.*, April 5, 1900.
Thomas W. Davison, Clinton, *o.*, Dec. 21, 1899.
William N. De Berry, St. John's ch., Springfield, *o. p.*, June 28, 1899.
Samuel Delagneau, Boston, *o.*, Nov. 28, 1899.
James E. Enman, Broadway ch., Fall River, *i.*, Oct. 10, 1899.
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J. Howard Gaylord, West Brookfield, *o. p.*, Nov. 24, 1899.
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William C. Gordon, Second ch., Westfield, *r.*, Jan. 12, 1900.
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Newton M. Hall, North ch., Springfield, *t.*, Oct. 4, 1899.
Joseph N. Haskell, Sterling, *o. p.*, June 22, 1900.
David P. Hatch, South ch., Lawrence, *i.*, Dec. 6, 1899.
Chauncy J. Hawkins, Maple st. ch., Danvers, *i.*, April 4, 1900.
Calvin Keyser, Goshen, *i.*, June, 1900.
Frank B. McAllister, Bedford, *o.*, Oct. 3, 1899.
Peter McMillan, Edwards ch., Northampton, *i.*, Nov. 10, 1899.
Benjamin T. Marshall, Boston, *o.*, May 10, 1900.
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Lewis T. Reed, Cummington, *o.*, Aug. 23, 1899.
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Edward F. Sanderson, Washington st. ch., Beverly, *o. p.*, June 27, 1899.
Roland D. Sawyer, South ch., Campello, *o.*, March 15, 1900.
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Charles L. Tomblen, North Middleboro, *i.*, Nov. 15, 1899.
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Charles H. Williams, Wood Memorial ch., Cambridge, *i.*, Oct. 19, 1899.
James S. Williamson, North ch., Haverhill, *i.*, Oct. 3, 1899.
Herbert J. Wyckoff, Topsfield, *i.*, April 12, 1900.

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Lyman H. Blake, Second ch., Westfield, Aug. 1, 1899.
Richard H. Bosworth, Eastern av. ch., Springfield, July 14, 1899.
Edward M. Chapman, Central ch., Worcester, Dec. 31, 1899.
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Zenas Crowell, Kingston, Dec. 19, 1899.
George L. Dickinson, Whately, Dec. 5, 1899.
Edward T. Ford, Harwichport, April 26, 1900.
Elijah Harmon, Wilmington, April 30, 1900.
Charles S. Haynes, Lancaster, Nov. 22, 1899.
William T. Hutchins, Indian Orchard, June, 1900.
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Albert G. Beebee, *w. c.*, New York, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1899.
Charles Beecher, *w. c.*, Georgetown, April 21, 1900.
Daniel L. Furber, *p. em.*, Newton Center, Nov. 19, 1899.
Vaola J. Hartshorne, *p.*, Plympton, April 14, 1900.
Stephen H. Hayes, *w. c.*, Cambridge, Nov. 5, 1899.
Edwin R. Hodgman, *w. c.*, Townsend, June 1, 1900.
Hiram Houston, *w. c.*, Washington, D. C., April 8, 1900.
Josiah W. Kingsbury, *w. c.*, Braintree, Jan. 14, 1900.
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Richard H. McGown, *p.*, Everett, April 1, 1900.
Hugh McLeod, *w. c.*, Cambridge, March, 6, 1900.
Edwards A. Park, *w. c.*, Andover, June 4, 1900.
John Pike, *w. c.*, Rowley, Sept. 20, 1899.
Edward G. Porter, *w. c.*, Dorchester, Feb. 5, 1900.
Robert Samuel, *w. c.*, Wellesley, Oct. 17, 1899.
Edwin S. Tingley, *w. c.*, Milford, July 15, 1899.
Horace Wellington, *w. c.*, Boston, Nov. 20, 1899.
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PERMANENT OFFICERS. — Rev. Benjamin F. Hamilton, Boston (Roxbury), *scribe*, and Rev. Henry F. Jenks, Canton, *treasurer;* to either of whom applications for aid may be addressed.

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RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP.

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V. MEMBERS. — Each Evangelical Congregational church in this State may send to the Association one delegate, and each Conference and each Association in the State may appoint one delegate each year, which delegates, with the pastors of the aforesaid churches, two delegates from the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the secretary, assistant secretary, registrar, assistant registrar and treasurer, shall compose the General Association.

This resolution was also adopted: —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that churches sending delegates to the Annual Meetings of the General Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts shall be recommended to pay the expenses of the delegates whom they send.

A DELEGATE FROM EVERY CHURCH would give us a grand and inspiring meeting.

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